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OFF THE STREETS 'Big-city drugs dealers' jailed



Anthony Hayes, Byron Facey Gordon and Keiran Carolan.

'BREAKFAST is served' – this was the brazen text message sent to hundreds by a London drug dealer before instructing a boy from Barry, age 14, to deliver his drugs.

A Chief Inspector has warned that residents across Bridgend and the Vale should be on high alert following recent convictions of drug dealers from outside the area.

On Monday, February 5, two men – Kieran Carolan (18), from Birmingham and Anthony Hayes (61), from Bridgend – were jailed for three-and-a-half years at Cardiff Crown Court for possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply.

They were arrested having sold crack and heroin from a flat on Coity Road, Bridgend.

Carolan was part of an organised crime group from Birmingham, cashing in on Bridgend's drug addicts. He was allowed by Anthony Hayes, himself a drug user, to use his flat as a base, on the condition that he received two bags of heroin for free and £20 in cash every week.

Weeks previously, on December 27, 2017, Byron Facey Gordon (36), from the Lambeth area of London, was jailed for five years and eight months at Cardiff Crown Court after pleading guilty to possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply following a separate police investigation.

He used a 14-year-old boy from Barry to deliver crack cocaine and heroin to his customers in the town. The boy's mum rang police when she noticed her young son with cash, wearing expensive new trainers and riding a new bike, having sometimes not been seen for days on end.

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Running Mark helps the fight

THEY say that cancer will affect most of us at some point.

Those sentiments certainly ring true for Porthcawl's Mark James, who has watched a close family member and friends battle the disease in recent times.

It was those battles that made him decide he wanted to do his bit to help the fight.

The 53-year-old, a member of the Porthcawl Runners, completed the London Winter 10k Run for Cancer Research UK on February 4 and has already smashed his initial £470 fundraising target via his JustGiving page.

"My dad is a survivor," said Mark, who only took up running a little over 12 months ago.

"I also know some people locally that are fighting, so this cause really hit home to me."

It wasn't all plain sailing, though, having been laid low by flu in the weeks prior to the run, which set him back in terms of preparation for the big day.

However, he was on the start line in Trafalgar Square, supported by his wife and fellow runner Louise right to the finish in Whitehall.

"The atmosphere of this race was rumoured to be outstanding and did not disappoint," said Mark.

"The support and encouragement I've received has been superb – and I needed that, as running really suffered over Christmas when I had some sort of flu."

"I was nervous, and the aim was just to finish as my fitness was not back to where it was. The support on the way round from the public – supporters dressed as penguins, yetis and polar bears – was brilliant."

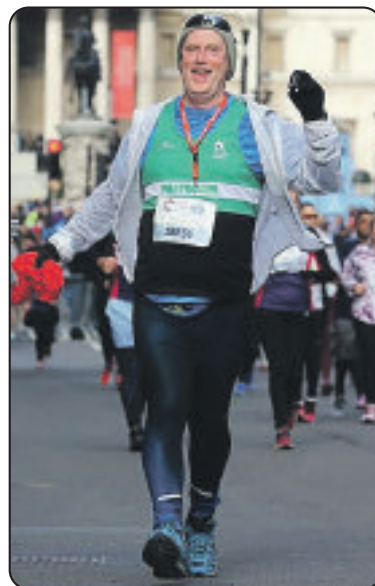
"The run was amazing; so many stories, people had signs on their backs, there were many survivors and many running to support or in memory of people."

"There were choirs, snow machines and a percussion band that all made the run easier."

On what was a freezing cold day, Mark also filmed some of the run and was pleased as he came home in just under 1 hour 10mins.

To make a donation, visit Mark's JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-james73.

BY CARL FIELD



Mark James of Porthcawl.

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'BCBC holds no meetings totally in secret' says BCBC

NEWS that Bridgend County Borough Council takes more decisions in secret than any other council in Wales has raised questions about how the Labour-run council conducts its affairs.

Research carried out by Welsh Conservatives found that in the year 2016 to 2017, 93 per cent of the cabinet meetings in Bridgend were totally or partially conducted behind closed doors.

This was disputed by BCBC Council Leader Cllr Huw David, who said that BCBC had never held a cabinet meeting totally in private.

The Conservatives claimed that Cardiff and Torfaen did not hold any meetings where press and public were excluded. The second highest figure was 81 per cent in Conwy.

Welsh Conservative Regional AM Suzy Davies said that she was concerned that this figure was so high.

She said: "I understand that there are times when the council has to protect things that are commercially sensitive, but this would also apply to every other council in Wales and all of them manage to be more open than Bridgend."

"We live in a new age of public bodies being transparent about what they do and there is no room for the old culture of secrecy which blighted so many of our councils in the past."

"Bridgend needs to treat the voters and taxpayers it serves with respect. Holding meetings behind closed doors should be the very last resort."

"There's no room now for the old ways of operating in what we used to call smoke-filled rooms!"

Cllr Tom Giffard, who leads the Conservative group on the council, said he could not understand why the figure for Bridgend was so high.

"There was a 22 per cent increase in this figure from the year before which is worrying," he said.

"This is a ridiculously high figure when you consider that the city of Cardiff managed to have none of its cabinet meetings held in secret. I will be asking council leader Huw David what's going on. I know things have to be done secretly sometimes but surely not 93 per cent of the time."

Council Leader Huw David said: "This is hugely misleading, and all members should be aware it is a matter of fact and public record that no meeting of Cabinet has ever been held entirely in private."

"Of the 18 agenda items discussed at the last Cabinet, only one of them was confidential, and this was because it contained information defined as exempt under the Local Government Act 1972."

"Any councillor or member of the public is welcome to attend and observe Cabinet meetings, and all Cabinet decisions become a matter of public record."

"I'd be delighted to discuss this further with Councillor Giffard or Suzy Davies as it is certainly not something that either one of them has chosen to raise with me before."

Active Travel funding given to Bridgend

£175,000 HAS been awarded by Welsh Government to Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to improve walking and cycling journeys to schools and review current speed limits and to improve pedestrian crossing facilities.

The schemes will accelerate active travel improvements linked to Welsh Government transport priorities in support of the landmark Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

This funding provides an excellent opportunity to support a package of 'quick win' schemes across Wales, including some road safety schemes.

Ken Skates said: "I'm delighted £175,000 of Welsh Government funding is being invested

in these important transport schemes in Bridgend."

"We face major challenges in securing our nation's physical and mental well-being, both now and for our future generations. Increasing opportunities to safely walk and cycle is a key commitment for the Welsh Government and these schemes offer a very straightforward way of achieving multiple benefits."

"They present a great opportunity to build physical activity into our everyday lives and bring with them associated health improvements, a reduction in motorised traffic and decreases in air pollution, carbon emissions and congestion. These projects will also help people and communities feel safer and more connected."

Day of prayer

THE inter-denominational movement of Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend a service in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Friday, March 2 at 1.30pm.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the service.

Locals out in force to complete bus-cut consultation forms



Residents and councillors at Westward Community Centre.

MORE than 20 local residents in areas threatened by Bridgend County Borough Council's plan to axe bus subsidies - and therefore routes - completed or handed in consultation forms last Saturday.

The session, at Westward Community Centre in Newcastle, was organised by a cross-party group of Bridgend borough and town councillors, and followed up the public meeting held to discuss the

proposed cuts in February 3.

The cuts will affect routes in areas including Newcastle, Cefn Glas, Tondy, P y l e, Fforddygyfraith, Brackla, Pen-y-Fai, and Porthcawl.

Councillors present and assisting locals were David White (BCBC Newcastle), Carolyn Webster (BCBC Newcastle), Paul Warren (Newcastle Bridgend Town Council), and Jon Paul Blundell (BCBC Cefn Glas).

Residents with access to the internet can do likewise online at www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation. The consultation, said that if anyone else in the wards affected by the proposed cuts wishes to complete one of the 'Supported Bus Services' consultation forms - with a closing date of Monday, March 26 - then they should contact their councillor, or telephone the borough council on 01656 643664.

'Cuts affect those needing bus service'

I READ with interest your article regarding the 'multi-million pound shortfall' in the BCBC funding for services, this time the proposed services to face the axe are bus routes.

The route 62 Pencoed to Bridgend via Hendre Road - Kennedy Drive was curtailed in 2017. The excuse was

that drivers of private vehicles were parking on corners, making it difficult for buses to turn. The council's answer was to stop running to that area.

The residents now have to walk to Kennedy Drive to get a bus - a quarter of a mile in some cases. The same residents and other Hendre Road will now have to walk to the centre of Pencoed to catch a bus, around half

a mile, not an easy task for the elderly or disabled, even in good weather.

Cuts need to be made, the local council keeps telling the voting public, on library services, playing fields, home care... the list is endless.

One section of council spending cuts never appears to get mentioned: a review of the number of council members' expenses.

Stuart Powell, Bridgend.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL FEBRUARY 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
15 Thur	06.23	9.3	18.41	9.4
16 Fri	06.58	9.6	19.16	9.6
17 Sat	07.32	9.7	19.48	9.7
18 Sun	08.04	9.8	20.21	9.7
19 Mon	08.38	9.7	20.53	9.6
20 Tues	09.13	9.5	21.24	9.4
21 Wed	09.48	9.3	22.06	9.1
22 Thur	10.21	9.0	22.49	8.7

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Registrations open for garden waste scheme

GARDENERS can register now for Bridgend County Borough Council's garden waste collection service, which is returning this spring.

Fortnightly collections will make it possible to recycle garden waste including plants, flowers, weeds, grass, leaves and hedge clippings.

Collections will begin from Monday, March 12 and will continue throughout the main growing season up until Friday, November 23. Residents can sign up to the seasonal service for a cost of £28 per household, with a discounted rate of £24 for pensioners.

Once payment is confirmed, households will be supplied with two reusable sacks for their garden waste which will be collected from the kerbside every two weeks on the same day as their bin bags.

The subscription fee covers the

collection of two garden waste bags - any households who would like to be able to put out more garden waste bags each fortnight have the option of paying an additional £5 per extra bag.

Cllr Hywel Williams, BCBC's Deputy Leader, said: "This convenient scheme is run with our recycling partners Kier and all of the garden waste collected in Bridgend county borough is taken to local firm Cowbridge Compost and turned into a compost fertilizer."

"Just over 3,600 homes signed up for the scheme last year, which was 800 more than in 2016. With so many extra homes signing up for the scheme last year, 38 per cent more garden waste was recycled instead of ending up in landfill."

Cllr Williams added: "We are often asked why residents have to pay for the garden waste collection scheme."

"Because not all homes in the county borough have gardens, we believe it is fairer to make it an optional scheme so

that only the homes that want to receive the collections can choose to pay for them."

Residents can register and pay for the garden waste collection scheme by calling 01656 643643 and choosing option 2 for waste.

Any residents signing up for this year's scheme who already have garden waste bags from previous years are advised to re-use the bags to save on new ones being delivered. Please mention this when you register.

Garden waste can also be taken to the 'tip' at the household recycling centres in Tythegston, Brynmeny Industrial Estate and the Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate in Maesteg.

For further details about recycling in Bridgend County Borough, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk

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'STAR' GUEST WELCOMED AT LOCAL PUB



Where it all began! John with wife Margaret.

MANY people visit the Star Inn, Wick, for special events and birthdays. Even 90th birthdays cannot be that uncommon

Yet John Jenkins, of Porthcawl, who last week visited The Star Inn for his 90th birthday lunch, has a rather special distinction: he was born in the pub.

His parents were landlords in the 1920s and The Star was home until they moved up to Llangynwyd just before the Second World War.

In those straitened times, very few could afford to drink in their 'local' so they could no

longer make a living.

John had a lovely welcome from the current landlady, who showed him photos of his old school, and gave a tour of the pub and he reminisced about when there were pigs in the back garden and a local field was used for horse racing. A time when everyone produced their own food and entertainment!

He recalled several terrible events. One was when two friends from Llangynwyd called to the pub to find it locked up and the family asleep at only 10pm. They turned back but crashed into a tree which is still there, tragically losing their lives. John remembers

their motorbike brought back to the pub and the deep sadness they all felt. He also remembers roaming the fields and finding a crashed light aircraft, deciding to investigate and coming across a severed hand!

Happier memories include meeting his wife Margaret at the Avon Rubber Factory, marrying and moving to Porthcawl, having three daughters, Helen, Christine and Liz, 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren most living locally.

John has spent a lifetime helping others through his work as a housing officer affectionately known as 'Jenkins The Rent'.



He was an outstanding sportsman excelling in football, cricket, badminton and squash and teaching many others until he was 80!

In his 20s, John actually turned down signings from Wolves and Ipswich Town as the pay was too low. Such different times to now.

He is devoted to the local community and is an avid letter writer, full of ideas for the town, many of which have been adopted, not least the 'yellow brick road' to Rest Bay.

Happy Birthday to our beloved 'Pops'!

Liz Jenkins.

At the celebratory lunch in the Star Inn are (from right): John Jenkins; wife Margaret; John's son-in-law Steve; daughters Liz and Helen; and brother-in-law Mac.

A 'community skip' is organised for Wildmill

Bridgend Town Council (BTC) is arranging a 'community skip, clean-up, and education' event at Wildmill on Wednesday, February 21.

The event will start at 10am and finish at 12pm.

There will be two skips available outside the community centre, and Bridgend Town Council Outworker team will be in attendance litter picking and assisting with the skips as required.

A spokesperson for BTC said: "We hope that as many residents as possible will engage with the initiative. Litter picking equipment and gloves will be available for members of the public who wish to take part.

The success of this event will be discussed at the BTC meeting in March when decisions will be made regarding the location and dates for future community clean-up events.

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ANOTHER YEAR AND MORE NOMINATIONS



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The Porthcawl Male Choir perform at Cardiff Castle



Porthcawl Male Choir at Cardiff Castle.

PORHCRAWL Male Choir were delighted to perform at a special event at Cardiff Castle – and what a wonderful evening it turned out to be!

The event was organised by GE Aviation of Caerphilly and was in aid of one of its managers who had served the company for over 40 years.

Mair Jones, the choir's musical director, had prepared a varied programme for the evening comprising songs from *Les Miserables* and *Blood Brothers*, a number of Welsh favourites including 'O Gymru' and 'Bryn Myrddin' and a special request from the guests from all over the world, 'World in Union'.

Each piece was received with loud applause from the assembled guests.

The choir concluded the evening with a rendition of 'Amen' with the audience joining in by clapping their hands and tapping their feet. The choir was well supported by accompanist Richard Davies.

The choir are looking forward to a number of further events including an appearance at Ty Elis' charity lunch, Porthcawl Comprehensive School's annual eisteddfod and a number of weddings.

The choir welcomed a number of new members to its ranks last year and would love to see even more. Visit www.porthcawlmalechoir.co.uk for further details.

MAL EVANS

Man robbed in Tondur

OFFICERS investigating a robbery in Tondur are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

The victim reported walking along the playing fields near Terfyn Ynysawdre at around 11.20am on Thursday, February 8, when he was approached by three men.

A police spokesman said: "He was threatened, thrown to the floor and had property including a wallet, iPhone and a distinctive yellow Adidas watch stolen from him. The three men then fled towards the footpath and Aberkenfig village.

"All three men were described as white and in their late 20s to early 30s. The first man was described as taller than 5ft 11ins, of medium build and clean shaven. He was wearing blue Adidas

tracksuit bottoms with white stripes, a dark blue 'puffa' style jacket, and a woolly hat.

"The second was around 5ft 11ins, of skinny build and with facial stubble and dark, scruffy hair. He was wearing stonewash jeans, and dark hood worn up over his head.

"The third man was slightly shorter than 5ft 11ins, of stocky build with facial stubble and shaven brown hair. He was wearing stonewash jeans and a light-coloured hood.

Anyone who saw anyone matching these descriptions in the area at the time of the incident, or anyone who has any information which may assist with the investigation, should contact 101, quoting occurrence 1800048158.

Cheque for Sandville Centre from housing association

STAFF and tenants of Valleys to Coast Housing (V2C) have completed surveys to raise money for Sandville Self Help Centre.

These surveys ask a range of questions about the services V2C provide and their overall perception. Every completed survey resulted in a donation of £1 as an incentive to complete the survey.

Sandville is open to all people suffering difficulties, offering help in a very relaxed and happy atmosphere. The charity was chosen as customers and staff used the centre over the years to support them with therapy and overnight respite.

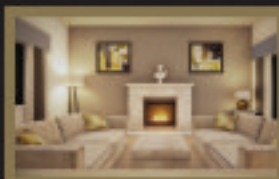
Gwyneth Poacher, director at Sandville commented: "On behalf of everyone at the Sandville



Paul Ryall-Friend, director of operations at V2C with Sandville volunteers.

Self Help Centre we would like to thank V2C most sincerely for the very generous donation presented to us today.

"I would just like to add a personal thanks and say how privileged I feel that we were the charity of choice to benefit from their survey."



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Maesteg care home celebrates 15 years



Residents, guests, staff and management of the care home.

BRYN CELYN Care Home in Maesteg celebrated more than a decade of delivering excellent care recently with a party to mark the milestone event.

The residential and nursing home which was acquired by award-winning care provider Hallmark Care Homes in 2003 recognised residents, relatives and individuals who have contributed to its success at the event with a buffet and musical performance from *Britain's Got Talent* 2016 finalist, Melanie Bell.

Throughout the event there was also an opportunity to take a tour of the home's newly refurbished café and hair salon.

The special event culminated in speeches from the home's general manager Mary Richard and the care provider's managing director, Avnish Goyal.

Mary Richard said: "Bryn Celyn Care Home has had an amazing journey over the last 15 years, thanks to the continued support from residents, relatives, team members and members of the local community."

'Prove tidal lagoon is value for money'

ALUN CAIRNS has called upon Welsh First Minister Carwyn Jones to prove that Government investment in a Swansea Bay tidal lagoon would represent good value for money.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was told in the Commons that Mr Jones had been invited to appear before the Welsh Affairs Committee to make the case for backing the lagoon and to outline the contribution the Welsh Government was prepared to make towards the cost.

Mr Cairns said: "I would have thought that the First Minister would want to respond positively to that invitation if he wants to be seen to be doing everything to make this

project come about and to prove the value-for-money case that we seek."

He said he would like to see the project go ahead, as would the whole of the UK Government.

Mr Cairns said: "We gave planning permission for it after the 2015 general election. We would like to see progress on it, but, clearly, it must be value for money."

"The Welsh Government have communicated with the UK Government about something that they call an offer."

"Last week, officials from my office, the Welsh Government and the Department for Business met to establish what this offer amounts to."

"We will continue discussions."

Mike Prosser.

Adult autism centre opens in the Vale

A NEW 'state-of-the-art' residential home for adults with complex needs associated with autism has been opened in West Abergthaw, Vale of Glamorgan.

The 12-bed service offers a transition for adults who have left full time education, as well as those who are learning to live more independently. The facility, managed by Orbis Education and Care, is arranged across a series of Grade II listed stone barns and is a flagship service for the company.

Mike Currier, CEO of Orbis Education and Care, said: "Ty Carreg is a wonderful addition to our adult services. We saw the site and knew we had to have it, as it provides a beautiful environment and home. It is custom designed for the needs of its residents and staff to ensure they get the best experience while living and developing at Ty Carreg."

Mike added: "We also invite our adult residents to access The Orb in Porth, Rhondda, which is a shop, café, kitchen, office and a laundry on the town's high street. The Orb provides a range of real-life working environments for continuous learning, a transitional stepping-stone for school leavers, a source of valuable experience for those who have already left school and an alternative to a residential specialist college placement."

Ty Carreg was developed by X-Stream Developments, which is owned by former All Black and Cardiff Blues captain Xavier Rush.

CEO of Orbis Education and Care, Mike Currier, commented: "Working with Xavier's team at X-Stream has been great. They could see our vision for Ty Carreg from day one and have worked diligently and tirelessly to get the job finished to a first-class standard. We are very proud of this facility." **OS**

'Quite a discovery was Llandovery'

SEVERAL members of Bridgend Lions Club, accompanied by their wives, were led by Lion David Quarumby on a grand tour of west Wales starting from Bridgend railway station last Saturday.

It was a damp, dismal day but with bus passes to hand (in order to qualify for a fare reduction), their first port of call was Swansea railway station. There they left the GWR Train and boarded the free Arriva train to Llandovery.

The train stopped at every station where its guard disembarked, but unfortunately because of heavy mist, the Gower peninsula could not be seen. The fields were a sorry sight, full of sheep and newborn lambs covered in mud, and flooded badly after weeks of heavy rain.

On arrival at Llandovery station, the visitors were met by a delightful lady named Joan who welcomed them all for a scrumptious afternoon tea served on the platform in a pleasant warm environment.

Joan and her two helpers were volunteers who supplied the delicious cakes and sandwiches, and a plentiful supply of coffee and tea in pretty vintage china cups and saucers.

After a short walk around the



President Patrick Halliwell and wife Biddy in the platform cafe.

village and viewing several interesting statues, the Arriva train was boarded once more for its destination of Swansea where a short wait occurred before finally boarding the GWR train for Bridgend.

Everyone enjoyed the 'Railway Day' and would like to

thank Lion David for his expertise in organising it all. Sadly David's wife Brenda was unable to join the tour as she was recovering from an operation.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery Brenda, from all Bridgend Lions.

C Thomas

BCBC is finalist in town planning awards

BRIDGEND Borough Council is in the running to win one of the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence, the most established and respected awards in the UK planning industry.

The Jennings (WYG and Bridgend Borough Council) transformation has been

nominated for using a best practice approach of a former 1800s tram terminal into a mixed-use scheme, including cafes and live/work spaces in Porthcawl. It has acted as a catalyst for the regeneration of the wider area.

John Acres, RTPI president, said: "This year's finalists reflect the important contribution planners and planning makes to creating great places and tackling the challenges we face across the UK."

"Planners are taking on new and innovative projects and the finalists show they are succeeding. It's a huge achievement just to be shortlisted this year given the six per cent rise in entries to the awards and the high calibre of entries will make judging very difficult."

The winners will be announced during a ceremony at The Barbican in London on May 24.

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BRITISH STEEL COKING PLANTS DEADLINE - 23 FEBRUARY 2018

The High Court has appointed Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell as lead solicitors in a group action for conditions associated with employment at coke works operated by British Steel. Specifically:

- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- bladder cancer
- chronic bronchitis
- temporary exacerbation of asthma
- lung cancer
- squamous cell skin cancer

A closing date for notification of claims has been set by the Court as 23 February 2018.

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CHARITY LUNCH FOR THE BRIDGEND COUNTY CIVIC TRUST HEARS ALL ABOUT TY TANGLWYST DAIRY

THE Bridgend County Civic Charity visited the Great House Hotel and Restaurant, Laleston, on February 9 for a charity lunch and everyone who attended had a very enjoyable time.

The welcome was warm and inviting with wonderful food, pleasing staff and a very warm atmosphere.

The comper was Mr Hopkin Joseph who was outstanding, and knew how to entertain those present.

After the meal Hopkin introduced John and Rhys Lougher of Ty Tanglwyst Farm, father and son, who were the guest speakers and were delighted to explain their work and promote their produce. There was so much to learn and listen to and everyone had a very interesting and entertaining afternoon.

Ty Tanglwyst Dairy is a family run dairy farm and processor. They pasteurise and bottle their own award-winning milk, cream and butter and sell

to customers in their region of south Wales.

Their award-winning herd of pedigree cows produce around 1.1 million litres of milk every year. This is processed in their on-farm state of the art dairy and sold directly to the public through doorstep delivery rounds, via a fleet of milk vans and, to a range of commercial customers including Filco Stores and the Vale Resort – home to the Welsh Rugby Team!

Operating this way since 2006 has meant that they no longer rely on their milk being processed remotely. This means that tankers no longer collect their milk, reducing food miles and meaning less time is wasted transporting milk. This short supply chain increases the shelf life.

Significantly, they're one of a few remaining independent dairy farms in the UK that bottle and sell their own milk.

Being innovative is critical to their success and some of the ways they are doing that, is by embracing sustainable practices and applying this in the ways they do business.

These efforts are beginning to pay dividends with the company recently winning its first public sector contract to supply milk to all the school kitchens in the Bridgend county borough. As part of this contract Ty Tanglwyst Dairy has offered every school in the borough the opportunity for a class to come and visit the farm.

Children can learn about the high levels of animal welfare on the farm and see all the effort that goes into producing fresh, award winning and nutritious dairy produce.

Trading locally allows them to focus on core customers and keep their supply chain manageable. They are active in maintaining regional food culture and promote their provenance as a unique selling point.

Preventing food waste is achieved mainly by finding new markets for by-products. As a farm business they take responsible land use seriously by improving soil quality and biodiversity and carefully nurture their cows.

Participating with local

communities is a key part of informing people about food production and they regularly host students looking to embark on careers in agriculture and veterinary medicine on work placements.

Heat is provided by a biomass boiler and electricity is produced by solar panels on the dairy and cow barn roof tops. They have plans afoot for a small wind turbine to further reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Rhys Lougher, dairy farmer and owner, Ty Tanglwyst Dairy said: "We were delighted to be invited to give a presentation to the Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals committee, including the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend and guests at the charity lunch."

"We are now employing 22 people on the farm and in our dairy enterprise. This is something we are very proud of and we are very grateful to all our employees for their continued hard work. It really is a big team effort."

The next events are: an

Afternoon Tea at the Heronston Hotel, Bridgend on Sunday, February 25 at 3.30pm with entertainment by the Bridgend Youth Theatre; tickets £10; and an evening of entertainment and enjoyment in the company of Heronsbridge School and Maes-yr-Haul School pupils and choir to celebrate St David's Day on Thursday, March 1 at the Heronston Hotel at 6pm for 6.30pm. Tickets £3 and children free.

For further information and to reserve tickets contact M Major on 01656 651491 or M Thomas – 01656 871439.

'Keep that dog under control!'

WITH large numbers of families expected to take their pets for walks in the countryside during February half-term, rural insurer NFU Mutual is launching a campaign urging dog owners to keep their pets under control whenever farm animals could be nearby.

Between January and April 2017, when pregnant ewes and new born lambs are often grazing on low-lying pasture in areas more accessible to walkers, the average cost of claims to NFU Mutual more than doubled compared to the rest of the year.

The campaign follows data which shows that livestock worrying costs have increased by 67 per cent in the last two years (2015-2017) with an estimated cost to UK agriculture of £1.6m.

The wider cost to the farming industry in Wales is estimated at £135,000, while the average cost of a

claim rose by over 50 per cent to nearly £1,300.

New research by the insurer has revealed that over 80 per cent of dog owners exercise their pets in the countryside, with over 60 per cent letting them roam off the lead. Almost seven per cent of owners admitted that their pets had chased livestock in the past.

NFU Mutual is advising farmers to check their stock regularly, put up warning signs and to ask local people to report any sightings of out-of-control dogs to a local farmer or the police.

Tim Price, Rural Affairs Specialist at NFU Mutual, said: "Attacks by dogs are one of Welsh farmers' worst nightmares. In addition to the suffering to the animals, attacks can have a severe financial impact. Insurance can cover the cost of replacing stock killed and the treatment of injured animals, but there is a knock-on effect on farm profits when pregnant sheep chased by dogs lose lambs."

PENCOED HEALTH TECH COMPANY TO EXPAND

ORTHO Clinical Diagnostics (Ortho) in Pencoed is set to expand and take on an additional 49 employees following Welsh Government funding of £960,000.

Ortho, headquartered in New Jersey, produces in-vitro diagnostics equipment and associated assays and reagents, for clinical laboratories and immunohematology sectors of the medical field, including bloodbanks.

The company sells its products in more than 125 countries and is targeting emerging markets, notably China, for future growth.

Paul Hales, senior director at Ortho, was quoted

as saying: "At Ortho, our purpose is to improve and save lives through diagnostics. A secure and consistent supply of high-quality product is at the core of that purpose, and we are delighted to be increasing our production capabilities to meet the ever rising demand for our products. We are grateful for the continuing support of the Welsh Government."

Speaking ahead of a visit to the company, First Minister Carwyn Jones said: "Wales' dynamic life sciences sector continues to go from strength to strength – and I am delighted to announce this funding which will help create nearly 50 new jobs."

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'Positive steps taken towards gender equality'

LAST week marked 100 years since Parliament passed a law which gave the first women across the UK the right to vote.

Many of us take our right to vote for granted and it's somewhat hard to believe that women were not allowed to vote just over 100 years ago. The Representation of the People Act (1918) paved the way for what would prove to be a long campaign for true gender equality.

It's important to remember, however, that this Act did not allow all women across the UK to vote. Given the restrictions which were attached to the Act, over 22 per cent of women over the age of 30 were still not afforded this right at this stage.

Today, positive steps are being taken to ensure that true gender equality can be achieved one day soon. I'm proud to be part of the most diverse Parliamentary Labour Party ever, of which 45 per cent are women.

While we clearly still have



Column by
**CHRIS
ELMORE**
MP for
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better reflects the make-up of the UK's society as a whole.

One of the key ways through which we can make this happen is to call out any discrimination or abuse which women are subjected to at any level of elected office, or whenever it occurs across our communities.

It has never been right, and will never be right, for an individual to be treated differently on the basis of their gender, or indeed, because of their ethnicity, sexuality, age, religion or any other reason.

This anniversary also acts as a reminder of the key hurdles we still have to tackle before achieving equality of opportunity and equal rights for everyone across our society.

At this important centenary, we must of course celebrate those who fought so hard to give women the rights they now enjoy, but we must also critically reflect upon the action which needs to be taken rapidly to work towards true gender equality in the future.

much work to do to encourage a greater number of women to enter politics and seek election, in the past few decades we have made real strides forwards in a hugely positive direction.

I look forward to the day when we have a 50:50 Parliament which

Scouts' 'sticking-plaster appeal' for wellbeing and mindfulness

SCOUTS in Pencoed recently shared their ideas with Huw Irranca Davies AM on support they would like from Welsh Government to help maintain the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Quiet places, access to musical instruments and lessons, as well as 'mindfulness groups' for young people were on the list the Scouts presented to Mr Irranca-Davies during his visit.

Scout Matthew Bailey, aged 13, said: "We all wrote one thing we think is important on a plaster,

and used it like a petition to ask for continued support from Government."

Scout leader Richard Gamble added: "It is important to talk about issues that can cause stress that can lead to poor mental health; the Scouts were really engaged and have a great understanding of triggers and symptoms, as well as what they can do to remain in good mental health.

"Being confident to ask for help to maintain our wellbeing is as important as asking for help when we are in distress.

"The more we talk about the issue the better." AS

'Intimidation on social media threatening our democracy'

AS an elected councillor in Bridgend, I am proud to represent my community, standing up for the rights of residents.

However, this was a privilege denied to many women just over 100 years ago, with only some allowed the right to be elected to borough and county councils in Wales and England.

While certain women were allowed to represent their communities, it was thanks to the efforts of the suffrage movement, which finally saw women across the country get the right to vote.

It would have been hard to believe for many that 100 years later, the second female Prime Minister, Theresa May, would give a speech to mark the centenary of women's right to vote.

As our Prime Minister said in her speech in Manchester, we have made huge progress in advancing women's rights, but there is still a long

way to go.

I am pleased to hear that the Government is to lobby social media firms to take more action to clamp down on abusive online posts.

In my work as a councillor, I know how important sites such as Facebook and Twitter are to interact with residents and promote the good work of councils. However, it is not right that in doing this we should be subject to online bullying.

This must not be allowed to carry on, so I welcome proposals this Conservative Government is putting in place to ensure that we are able to meet the challenges posed by social media.

Intimidation and aggression on social media is threatening public debate, deterring people from participating in politics and threatening our democracy, democracy that women such as Emmeline Pankhurst fought hard to win.

Cllr Carolyn Webster, Newcastle Ward, BCBC.

Maesteg residents raise concerns about local day hospital

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has called for vigilance after hearing that "an acute staffing shortage" was responsible for the closure of the Day Hospital at Maesteg Community Hospital.

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative, wrote to ABMu chairman Andrew Davies after she was contacted by Maesteg constituents concerned about the future of the service.

Mr Davies explained that the day hospital closed in November because of an acute staffing shortage on Llynfi Ward, which meant that staff manning the day hospital had to be redeployed.

He added: "It was planned that the Day Hospital would re-open in January 2018; however, due to maintenance work being carried out to remove

asbestos and install Wi-fi, we are now planning on re-opening in April 2018."

Mrs Davies said: "The Day Hospital provides a valuable service to elderly and vulnerable people in the area and contributes to preventing unnecessary admissions for many into the Princess of Wales Hospital or other district hospitals.

"There were very real fears that it would never re-open. The assurance from the board is welcome but raises more worrying questions about nurse shortages.

"I have already asked for assurances that the future of Maesteg Hospital is secure should responsibility for health services in the Bridgend area be moved from ABMu to Cwm Taf Health Board, but I will be following up on these issues as well."

Just the ticket! Cardiff-Guernsey route returns

FOLLOWING its first season of flying from Cardiff to Guernsey in 2017, Blue Islands - Flybe's franchise partner - has confirmed the return of flights to the channel island for the coming summer season.

Starting from May 29, direct flights are available on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and are bookable on Flybe's website.

Rob Veron, Blue Islands' CEO, said he hoped the route would boost visitor numbers on the island of Guernsey: "Blue Islands continues its commitment to stimulate the Guernsey visitor economy by adding a direct link to a major city during summer. Thanks to our participation in Flybe's sales channels, Guernsey will once again enjoy exposure to thousands of potential new visitors."



From left: Cardiff Airport CEO Debra Barber; Blue Islands COO Tom Barrasin and Blue Islands CEO Rob Veron; and Cardiff Airport commercial director Spencer Birns at the 2017 inaugural flight.

Three choirs to sing out in aid of St John's House Trust

ON MARCH 2 the annual Three Choirs concert will take place at St Mary's RC Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend.

The concert, hosted by Bridgend Male Choir, features Pontyclun-based Vocelle Ladies' Choir and the Oldcastle Primary School Choir.

This annual event continues to delight and while the format remains similar, fresh faces and content make it one to look forward to.

The concert is in support of the St John's House Trust (Bridgend) who are committed to purchasing St John's House, Newcastle Hill, Bridgend as a focal point for the local community.

Following quickly on the heels of the Three Choirs Concert, the choir can be seen at Tabernacl

Chapel, Pontycymmer on March 9.

The concert is in support of chapel funds and is to be hosted by journalist, presenter and newsreader Huw Edwards.

The choir is always interested in attracting new members who will be made welcome at rehearsal, held every Thursday evening from 7.30pm until 9.30pm at Oldcastle School, South Street, Bridgend, (CF31 3ED). A very warm welcome will also be extended to visitors to the area to sit in at one of our practices.

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News from Llangan School
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Congratulations to both pupils.
On February 14 Llangan School's netball team will be taking part in a tournament at RAF



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Young At Heart Club

THERE was a surprise in store for members at their meeting on February 8 when PCSO Angelo Stone arrived and gave members an interesting view of her work, which will cover

Trees and other villages in the Vale.

Her base will be at Llantwit Major station. Following a welcome cup of tea and taking photographs of club members (I hope these are not for the rogues' gallery) PCSO Stone left to return to base!

Samantha b is offering a real super sale!

WHERE has the time gone? I can't believe we're halfway through February.

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stockists of Olsen and Bianca in the area – so nice to have something different.

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Olsen are more tailored and gorgeous

to wear and of course we have a great selection of jeans from marble and Olsen.

If you haven't heard, the ladies of the Vale have been enjoying fantastic bargains in the 80-per-cent sale.

Call in and see for yourself.

B-Hive buzzes into action in Pencoed

A NEW playgroup, after-school club, and holiday club will be opening its doors at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall on Monday, February 26.

The B-Hive will be providing high quality and continuity of child care for children in the surrounding area. A playgroup will be provided for two to four-year-olds, as well as an after-school club and holiday clubs for three to 11-year-olds.

The new service will be opening its doors on February 26 at 9.30am for an open day, for people to meet the team and discuss what the B-Hive has to offer.

The B-Hive will be following the foundation phase curriculum covering seven stages of learning.

Speaking before the launch, Emma (registered manager), Jac (manager) and Susan (deputy manager) said: "We cannot wait to open the doors as The B-Hive and meet all the wonderful families in the area."

"We are confident that we have an offering which the children will enjoy, and have an exciting term planned for our playgroup children with fun visitors such as the hedgehog helpline and fire engine!"

"With a learning disability nurse, SENCO and speech and language support, we offer a fully inclusive service and we are particularly excited to be offering Forest School with a qualified level 3 Forest School leader."

"We have our own allotment where children will plant and grow their own vegetables and we will also be having visits from the local library, introducing children to the wonderful world of books through story, rhyme and FUN!"

The rest of the team, Holly, Emma and Chloe said: "We are so excited to be starting and are looking forward to the children joining us."

"For our after-school and holiday club children, we will be offering exciting term themes such as The B-Hives Record Breakers, Around the World, Dinosaurs and an end of year Wet and Wild day."

"Along with fun activities such as board and team games, sports coaching and computer games, we have also lined up some very exciting visitors to the group!"

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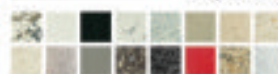


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New directors at ISA Training

ISA Training, based in Pencoed, has appointed Richard Tobutt as operations director, while Lucy Macdonald, is promoted from head of quality to programmes director. They will work closely with co-founder and chief executive Shirley Davis-Fox.

ISA Training is reportedly the largest independent hair and beauty training provider in Wales which is branching out into the sport and fitness sector. The company employs a workforce of 63 and provides training to more than 500 apprentices.

Mr Tobutt lives in Cardiff and for the past 15 years has worked for SkillsActive, the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure, Learning and Wellbeing which encompasses the sport, fitness, hair and beauty industry.

He was national manager for Wales for 12 years before becoming head of home

country development.

"My time with SkillsActive will most definitely help with my work at ISA Training primarily because I have worked directly with employers, providers of education and training and Welsh Government and its agencies," he said.

"I am particularly excited by the new challenge and hope to have a positive impact on the organisation. My role is to ensure that we continue to be recognised at a government level in both Wales and England as a well-placed organisation that delivers quality."

Ms Macdonald, who lives in Bridgend, is a graduate of Bath Spa University and has worked for ISA Training since 2006.

During her 12 years with ISA, she has gained a deep knowledge of the company through roles in administration, health and safety, compliance and quality and has shown dedication to developing

her career by achieving a masters degree in management from the University of Glamorgan while working.

"I am looking forward to working closely with Shirley and Richard to grow and improve the business and enhance our learners' experience throughout their apprenticeships," she said.

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Richard Tobutt and Lucy Macdonald join the board at ISA Training.

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Lifesaving club launched in the Vale

A NEW surf life-saving club has started up in the Vale and is open to new members.

Vale Surf Life Saving Club (VLSC) officially began last November and it has already attracted 40 people.

The chairman of the club, Simon Parker, said it would provide a warm welcome to more members.

He explained that there were two strands to the club – sport and recreation.

"Now that we've got the club up and running, we are eager to gain some momentum and boost our numbers."

"Members can take part in competitions and provide voluntary lifesaving services."

"Our current age range is from 10 to 50, but we

welcome those aged six or seven all the way through to sixties and over."

Members also take part in regular competitive events if they are keen to test themselves against members from other clubs.

Surf life-saving competitions began in Australia because lifeguards were keen to maintain and improve their fitness.

VLSC has qualified coaches, and youngsters who join can learn the skills necessary to one day become fully-fledged lifeguards.

Through the winter period, the club meets twice a week at community halls or swimming pools in the Vale, but when summer approaches it will gather at local beaches like Jackson's Bay, Whitmore Bay or at Porthcawl. The club even held a recent surf-ski event on the River Ely.

For more information on the club, go to: valeslc.org.uk; or email: valeslc@hotmail.com

Vale MP says Wales can become an 'economic powerhouse' with south west of England

ALUN CAIRNS says cross-border collaboration between south Wales and the south-west of England has the potential to create an "economic powerhouse".

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP said in the Commons that more than 350 people had attended the first cross-border Severn growth summit in Newport looking to strengthen economic links between the two regions.

He said: "Through our industrial strategy, we want to build on this cross-border collaboration and help create prosperous communities throughout the whole of Wales."

Mr Cairns said Wales will also

benefit from the abolition of tolls later this year on the Severn bridges.

He told MPs: "Tolls have been reduced by 20 per cent in the interim, and by the end of the year they will be abolished."

"That will be one of the biggest stimuli for the Welsh economy in decades. It will provide the opportunity for more and better-paid jobs, and a £100-million boost to the Welsh economy."

"This is an opportunity for the south-west of England and south Wales to come together as an economic powerhouse to provide better opportunities in the western side of the UK."

Michael Prosser

'Concert was high point in fundraising year'

AFTER a very special night of Welsh music to remember from the Bridgend Male Choir and their guests held at

Stewart Road Community Hall, Rhose recently, the volunteers are

pleased to announce that over £2,000 was raised at this event.

This sum will be added to the first year's total, making it an amazing £6,600 which ensures keeping Rhose community library open to the public for another year.

We would like to thank the local community for their ongoing support in everything we do, and we plan to go from strength to strength with our

exciting programme of future events.

The variety in our first year has been unending, ranging from book sales to authors' evenings, Owls 4You to an Alzheimer's talk.

We plan to continue with an eclectic assortment of events. On a recent morning, our craft group invited members of Scope to make their own Valentine decorations, much to their delight!

Easter raffle tickets will be on sale soon, come into the library to see the prizes on display.

Christine Jakeway

'Closer to Home' raises £1 million

LLANMOOR Homes has helped Tenovus Cancer Care raise £1 million to design, build and equip its third mobile support unit, which will offer treatments to patients outside of the hospital environment as part of its 'Closer to Home' appeal.

For every completed sale between February 2017-18, Llanmoor Homes donated £100 to the 'Closer to Home' appeal and following Llanmoor's year-end, the company has donated £18,400.

#FarmingMatters – column by Rachel Saunders of the Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)

Years of 'food security' have led to complacency

EVERY day, millions of us flock to our local supermarkets for the weekly or top-up food shop, or drop into our local corner or village shop for that bottle of milk or loaf of bread we forgot to buy, and many of us will spare little thought for how all the food got there?

We expect it to be there, in season or not, and we want to pay a 'fair' price for it.

Through our expectations of a secure food supply, we are relying on our farmers here in Wales, the UK and even farmers across the world, to provide just that.

Food security has become the norm in the Western World but the challenges farmers face are rarely at the front of people's minds.

Thinking about the disruption caused by the Second World War to European food production and distribution, the

widespread starvation, and severe, often permanent, illness due to vitamin and mineral deficiencies, it seems clear that it is time to recognise that Welsh and UK agriculture have a crucial part to play in the future to avoid such problems and that #FarmingMatters.

The recognition of the need for viable agricultural sectors and stable supplies of affordable food led the UK Government to pass



Rachel Saunders.

the 1947 Agriculture Act, while on the Continent, the 1957 Treaty of Rome defined objectives of a common European policy.

However, the food security established by the 1947 Agriculture Act and the Common Agricultural Policy has led to significant complacency regarding the importance of agriculture in Wales and the UK, which has in turn led to increasing reliance on imported foodstuff.

The importance of nurturing and supporting Welsh producers, and thereby protecting and improving domestic food security, must be a priority for any government, especially in light of Brexit.

The FUW has long highlighted the importance of food security and how a food security strategy plan would give farmers confidence to develop their businesses, which in turn would support the development of rural areas.

So the next time you pop into your local food shop, spare a thought for the hard working farmers who make sure that food is not a luxury and remember that #FarmingMatters!

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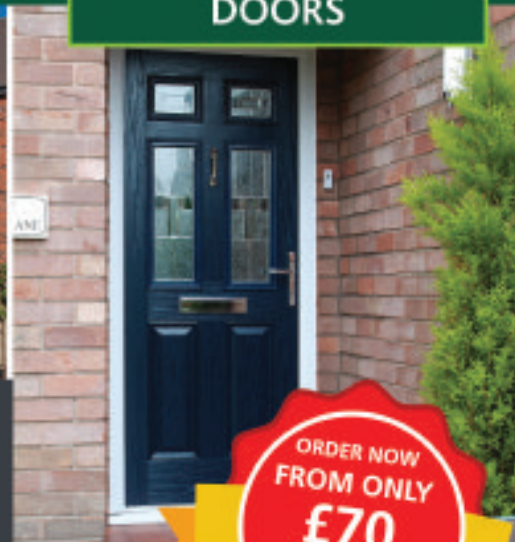
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Can anyone identify these photographs?

I PURCHASED these two photographs from the PDSA shop in Penarth this week. I don't know anything about them, except that they may have come from a house clearance.

I would like to know if anyone has any information as to who they are or where they came from.

Please contact Carys Jenkins on 07973 280659 or carysjenkins50@gmail.com.

CJ



Porthkerry Lodge supports Amelia Trust

WHEN Amelia Trust Farm approached Porthkerry Lodge's Karl Butler, he was delighted to offer help by organising a fundraiser in the form of a casino night at Barry Masonic Hall in December.

The night attracted more than 75 local masons and friends of Amelia Farm and with a combination of ticket sales and raffle, raised a magnificent £1,000.

At the farm, the animal enclosures require replacing to keep the livestock safe. The farm offers places to disaffected pupils and through farm work, tries to reintegrate them back into mainstream schooling.

A spokesperson said: "Local authority funding has been reduced, so it is important that facilities at the farm continue to attract visitors. A wide range of



Karl Butler and Malcolm Sanchez-Jones.

livestock also needs to be fed and looked after all year round."

AS

Co-op funding is on the cards

COMMUNITY groups in the area are set to share part of a £20 million funding stream from the Co-op.

Following the announcement of the latest beneficiaries of the Co-op's local community fund, eight causes are set to benefit in the area, including Ty Hapus, Cefn Glas Scout Group with Bridgend Explorers and Bridgend Young Carers, with each in line to receive several thousand pounds.

A spokesperson for the group said: "With 40 per cent of all charities surviving on an income of less than £10,000, the Co-op scheme will provide a considerable proportion of funding for many local

good causes.

The spokesperson explained how the funding will work: "When a Co-op member buys own-brand products from food stores or a funeral plan or funeral from Funeralcare they earn a five per cent reward for themselves with a further one per cent going to local good causes.

"By joining the Co-op's membership scheme, shoppers can contribute to the money raised for the good causes and they can choose which of these they wish to support by logging on to the Co-op's membership website at www.coop.co.uk/membership."

Can you offer TLC to Tessie?

TESSIE is a six-year-old Bichon Frise who – once she knows you – is a fun and affectionate dog.

She can be a little shy when first meeting people, so new owners will need to make multiple visits to the centre to build up a relationship before taking her home.

She socialises with other dogs and could live with another dog in the home, as this will help gain confidence.

She enjoys walks and would love to run and play with other dogs.

Tessie can live with children aged 14 years and over, is happy to be left for a few hours and travels well in the car.

If you would like to know more about Tessie, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219 or visit the centre in Bridgend CF31 4NG. You can also visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.



Hanson's helping hands for Ty Hafan hospice

A TEAM from Hanson Contracting has provided materials and path-laying expertise as part of the refurbishment of the memorial garden at Ty Hafan children's hospice in Sully.

Hanson Contracting has been involved in the garden upgrade project alongside Costain/Vinci JV and other key partners. Work enhancing the outside space at the hospice includes extending the memorial garden and creating a new sensory area for children and their families to enjoy.

The new pathways laid by the team will help link all the outside space and, along with new planting, will provide a richer therapeutic experience for hospice patients.

"We are delighted to be involved in the project," said Sean Hunter, major projects manager at Hanson.

"Ty Hafan is a wonderful charity which provides care and support to life-limited children. The garden provides a place for



Making a difference at the hospice, members of Hanson's team at Ty Hafan (pictured from left) are: Rikki Moyle; Kevin Moyle; David Lewis; Dale Minty; and Karl Langmead.

family and friends to remember and reflect and we are looking forward to seeing the finished result."

The new memorial garden at Ty Hafan, which was established in 1999, will incorporate suggestions from those that use the hospice.

It will feature an enchanted forest, outdoor shelters and edible planting for the children receiving care, as well as an interactive water feature for the placement of personalised memorial pebbles when a child dies.

HS

Hooked! Reel click-bait in March at Griffin Books

ON March 2 at 7.30pm, Griffin Books will be holding an event with Will Millard, TV presenter and fisherman, at Waterloo Tea.

Will, who you might recognise from BBC2's *Hunters of the South Seas* or BBC Wales' *The River Taff* with Will Millard, will be discussing his new book *The Old Man and the Sand Eel* with local

actor and poet Dick Johns.

At its heart, the book is the story of three generations of men trying to figure out what it means to be a man, a father and a fisherman.

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Site safety posters win prizes for pupils at Garth Primary School

PUPILS from Garth Primary School, Maesteg, were recently awarded prizes for the best designed poster promoting safety on construction sites.

The competition resulted in eye-catching designs from the children who illustrated what they had learned at a previous site safety talk at the school given by construction company, Morganstone and housing association, Linc Cymru.

The safety visit was aimed at teaching pupils the importance of staying safe around building sites and was linked to the nearby Maesteg Extra Care Scheme and Residential Housing Development which is being developed by Morganstone on behalf of Linc Cymru.

The poster designs depicted the dangers of playing on construction sites with the colourful drawings and bold lettering making sure the message got across in a highly effective way.

Justine Scorer, Linc Cymru Housing Association's community regeneration manager said: "It is such a pleasure to see all the

The award-winning prizes designed by Garth Primary pupils.



fantastic posters that the pupils have produced. It was difficult to pick the winners, so well done to all."

Antonia John, community engagement manager from Morganstone said: "It was really difficult to choose a winning design as we had so many fantastic entries for the site. We are absolutely delighted with the winning posters which will warn people of the dangers of construction sites."

Headteacher Mrs Thomas said: "Our pupils have benefited enormously from the experience of visiting the building site and learning important safety messages. Of course, winning prizes for the poster designs has been an added bonus!"

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TOILETS

DO you use council-run public toilets? How often do you use them, and which ones do you rely on the most?

These are among the questions being asked by Bridgend County Borough Council in a consultation over the public toilets that can be found in Maesteg, Bridgend and Porthcawl.

As the council tackles the conundrum of balancing a severely reduced budget with demands for public services, it has had to reduce the number of council-run toilets in the three town centres from nine to six over the last couple of years.

Now, faced with further financial pressures, the council is inviting views from residents and

visitors on how and where public toilets should be provided.

The toilets in question are those at Griffin Park, John Street and Rest Bay in Porthcawl, as well as the Bus Station and Cheapside (opposite Asda) in Bridgend, and at Maesteg Bus Station.

Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Due to the financial situation, we simply cannot continue to run public toilets in the way that we do now."

"Some may have to close, while others may need to be run differently in the future. But to help inform these decisions we want to gather public opinion to find out which toilets are used the most and how important these facilities are to our communities. "We are already in advanced

talks about the Griffin Park toilets transferring to Porthcawl Town Council, and are looking at whether other public conveniences could also transfer for town councils to operate.

"We are also keen to find out what sort of demand there is for us to extend our current comfort scheme, which makes small grants of up to £500 per year available to local town centre businesses that are willing to open up their toilets to non-paying customers."

To have your say, complete the online survey at www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation before the closing date of Wednesday, April 4. Find out more by calling 01656 643664 or emailing consultation@bridgend.gov.uk.



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Half-term Little Mix tribute act in Barry

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Songs sure to be included in the set include *DNA Wings*, *Salute*, *Black Magic*, *Love Me*

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Tribute to the soldiers of The Great War

WITH 2018 being the final year of the World War One Centenary, Mary Gardner, chairman of the Penarth Operatic and Dramatic Society (PODS), wants people to support its tribute to the men who fought, and gave their lives, for our country during the 1914-1918 war.

The company will put on *Last Man Standing* at the Paget Rooms between Wednesday, February 28 and Saturday, March 3 at 7.30pm. Tickets can be bought online at www.pods-penarth.org or from Griffin Books, 9a Windsor Road, Penarth, or by calling PODS ticket secretary on 02920 712260.

Last Man Standing is a single moment of choice on the battlefield leads to disastrous consequences for both men. Mary, the play's director, says that she is delighted to be working with such a talented cast, especially as it includes a group of young men from Penarth, two of whom go to local comprehensive schools.

The play features Edmund, a squire's son and Tom, a worker on the squire's estate, leaving behind the same village girl they both love to go to war, and in the trenches, their rivalry

Wedding showcase at St Donat's Castle



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Me after Alpha: Perla's experience

MY name is Perla, I am Mexican, and I was born in the 1960s. I was fortunate that my parents were able to pay me a private university to study laws.

I worked for 12 years at the federal tax office where I became the sub-administrator.

Being native of a country where 99.5 per cent of the population professed the Catholic religion, I was obviously baptized under Catholicism.

Professionally in my work I had much success which was reflected in a very good salary.

However, I still remember the great sadness that used to feel, especially every Friday at 6pm when the office was closed. All my family lived in another city eight hours away and I was divorced and childless.

Closing the office and getting to my house was not something I liked to do, loneliness and sadness were my great company.

Many things happened in my life where I often thought that God had forgotten me, but he did not, he was always there for me as I can see it now.

God put people and situations in my path that led me to make the great decision to change a successful career in the hope of finding what I really needed in my life.

I made the decision to move in to a country where everything was different for me. I have been living in the UK now 13 years, happily married with a Welsh man and we have a wonderful son.

Starting a life in a different country it is not easy; weather, culture, religion, believes, driving, ways of thinking, even the way to dispose of the rubbish is different.

I had to start from scratch to try to rebuild my working life, so I have done cleaning work, waitress, Spanish teacher, dinner lady, even selling pinatas, crafts, etc.

Later, I found a world of

literature on spirituality that led me to a tremendous confusion about where to find the true God, since despite being a Catholic all my life I realised that I had never read a Bible.

I believed in God but was lost in a limbo, in a spiritual nothingness. Then God said: 'Let there be light'; and there was light. *Genesis 1:3*

And that light came in the local newspaper, the beginning of an Alpha course at a place and time accessible to me, I had previously heard about the alpha course but I had never been able to do it because of schedule problems.

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What's on and where...

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, February 17 from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Art society

ON Thursday, February 15 local artist and experienced tutor Carol Kibble will be giving a demonstration of various techniques using pastels at Cowbridge Art Society.

There will be no meeting on February 22 because of half term.

However on Thursday, March 1 Rupert Aker will give a demonstration of the use of the palette knife in painting.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm - 9 pm) and visitors and new members are most welcome.

For details of the society's programme and activities, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.soc.

Residents' public meeting

COUNCILLORS Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands will hold a Highlight Park residents' meeting to discuss the future of Brynhill Golf Club and how it affects residents.

The meeting is on February 16 at 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Highlight Park Community Centre.

National Trust

THE next Vale NT Association meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, February 21 at The Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Keith Moger will talk about the history of hospitals in south Wales.

There are still a few places left on the four-day spring holiday to The Metropole in Llandrindod Wells on April 20, and payment will be due at the meeting for those who have booked and Rachael Bird from Edwards will be in attendance; enquiries to vofgant@gmail.com.

Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, February 21 at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap.

Also on February 21 at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden Fountain in Cowbridge.

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On Thursday, February 22 at 10am, 'All the way round', starting at The Carne Arms, Lllysworney CF71 7NQ.

Care and Repair

IF you are a home owner or private tenant living in the Vale; if you are elderly or disabled and need advice and support on repairs in your home, Care and Repair in Vale can help to adapt and maintain your home, give advice on grants available and on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session on Tuesday, February 22 at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Big Screen at Cowbridge Town Hall

BIG Screen's next film for this season is *Victoria and Abdul* (cert PG) on Thursday, February 22 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Queen Victoria (Dame Judi Dench) strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal) who has been brought from British India. While there are some truths in this likeable film, history has been submerged somewhat by the alleged romance in their relationship.

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door. For more information call 01446 771929.

Josephine's Rain

THE drama of the 'Porthcawl hurricane' is to be relived at The Green Room at 5, James Street, Porthcawl (CF36 3BG) on Friday, February 23 at 8pm.

Josephine's Rain is a 30-minute evocation of a storm that damaged Porthcawl in 1995. Tropical storm Josephine was close to hurricane status, sinking boats and destroying part of the

seafloor. The performance promises a musical and poetic dramatisation of an incident in recent history.

The original *Josephine's Rain* featured Robert Minninnick, Peter Morgan and Richard Thomas. This new version is remixed by Peter Morgan, whose images will be shown during the performance. There will also be an open mic for readings and short films. Entrance £4.

Rhose Cinema

THE team at Rhose Community Cinema look forward to welcoming old friends and new this month when they begin their spring screening programme.

The cinema at Stewart Road kicks off on Saturday, February 24 with the highly acclaimed and multi-Oscar nominated film *Dunkirk* (12A).

All tickets £5 on the night, doors open at 6.45pm starting at 7.15pm.

For further information, see Facebook page, Rhose Community Cinema or contact Jo on 07986 907151.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning in aid of Dinas Powys Library Development Fund and a Women's Institute sponsored project in Guatemala will be held on Saturday, February 24. Doors open at 11am; cakes, books, tombola, £3 – all welcome.

Advice on scams

HAVE you been the victim of a scam and want some advice on how to deal with it? Scams are on the increase by phone, mail or the internet.

Why not come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, February 22 from 10am to 12 noon; no appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Epilepsy support

Do you or a relative have epilepsy and are looking for support and advice?

Epilepsy Cardiff and Vale run a coffee and chat session monthly with Lesley Williams, support adviser, at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, February 22 from 10.30am to 12 noon.

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The manager, Kayleigh Thomas, has over 10 years' experience and joined the management team in September 2008. She has since gained an NVQ level 5 in management skills and has intensive training in child protection, First Aid and food safety. With a natural love of working with children, Kayleigh prides herself on moving the nursery forward.

Lucinda Finney, the deputy manager, has over 20 years' experience of working with children in a

variety of pre-school settings.

She is qualified to level 5 in both childcare and management and strives to support the nursery through local initiatives and schemes. Lucinda ensures each child reaches their full potential through fun activities and play.

Little Inspirations has an open-plan playroom and large secure garden with areas for composting, role-play,

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'Stationery Heaven' at The Pencil Case

THIS half term, there are two shops in Cowbridge that your children will love to visit.

The Pencil Case on Eastgate is regularly described as 'Stationery Heaven'!

Owner Sally Stephenson told us: "Children love coming to see us during the school holidays to browse our wide range of brightly coloured pens and pencils, notebooks, colouring books and art supplies. It is the perfect place for stationery addicts of all ages!"

Collectors of the popular Iwako erasers will find a huge selection at The Pencil Case – don't forget to pick up a collector card!

Top Model colouring and activity books are perfect for rainy days or to keep children from getting bored when you go out for dinner.

Then you must wander down Eastgate and over the bridge on Penny Lane to The Pencil Case's new sister shop.

The Toy Box is the newest addition to Cowbridge high street, having only opened in October. Located on

Willow Walk (next door to The Yard pizza restaurant and Kingfisher Gallery), it is bursting with toys and games for children from birth through to early teenage years.

Wonderfully bright and colourful, you'll find wooden toys and trains, musical instruments, dinosaurs, art and craft activities, traditional toys, family board games and pocket money items, to name just a few.

Sally is keen to stock brands and characters that both children and parents would love: "We asked lots of parents and children what they would like to see at The Toy Box. It was clear that some brands are very popular, so we now have a lovely selection of Orchard Toys, Le Toy Van dolls houses, Big Jigs trains and tracks, Thomas The Tank Engine, Paw Patrol, Hama Beads and a huge range of Ty Beanie Boos soft toys – all perfect for half term!"

A real hit has been 'Plus Plus' – the new building block with endless possibilities. It comes in a handy carry tube of 100 pieces for just £5.99, then children can progress onto bigger

box sets. Go and try it out on their new display.

The Toy Box was the first shop in the UK to have it!

The Pencil Case and The Toy Box also stock contemporary greetings cards in Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons.

Both shops are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

Try Kumon's two-week free trial now

KUMON Study Centre, Cowbridge, is offering a two-week free trial between February 1 and February 28 for new students.

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The Kumon Study Centre Cowbridge is located at The Community College, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge, with classes running on Mondays and Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm.

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For more information, telephone 01656 766767, or visit www.oldschoolhouse.org.uk.

Owls, falcons and Paddington at St Donat's Arts Centre

THIS half term we are thrilled to bring you two fun events for all ages here at St Donat's Arts Centre.

On Thursday, February 22, we invite you and your teddy bear friends to come and join us at St Donat's Arts Centre for an 11am cinema screening of *Paddington*, following which we will provide a delicious indoor teddy bears picnic. So bring your picnic blankets,

cushions and cuddly friends for an event not to be missed!

On Friday, February 23, we are excited to offer a conservation and falconry afternoon at the magnificent location of St Donat's.

From 2pm you can watch eagles in action, silent flight of owls and high speed falcons brought to you by Wings of Wales.

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THINGS TO DO IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

TRY a trip to Parc Slip Nature Reserve and Visitor Centre, Tondur.

On February 23, 10.30am - 3pm, go wild on the centre's family Heritage and History trail (self guided trail).

Parc Slip visitor centre is closed on Mondays. For further information on Parc Slip events call Meg on 01656 724100. Admission is free.

On Sunday, February 25, there is a dollhouse and miniatures fair in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, 10.30am to 3pm.

There is some free car parking at the venue, light refreshments available from the onsite cafe. Admission price is £2.50 on the door for adults and 50p for children over 7 years. Varied and interesting traders attending.

For more information, go to www.mgmffairs.co.uk
ON Sunday, February 25, try the Dyffryn Gardens spotter trail.

Discover some of the fascinating plants and animals you can find at Dyffryn Gardens with a special February half term spotter trail.

Put your detective skills to the test as you follow the clues to each location and write down the letters you find to spell an important Dyffryn name.

I Spy with my Dyffryn eye... If there is wet weather, it's covered. We have got our popular game of 'I Spy' in Dyffryn House.

This event is free, but normal admission charges apply for the venue.

For more information, go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens/features/february-half-term-at-dyffryn-gardens>

BARRY BETRAYED!

A message from DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group)

NRW (Natural Resources Wales) have given the Barry incinerator a permit to operate

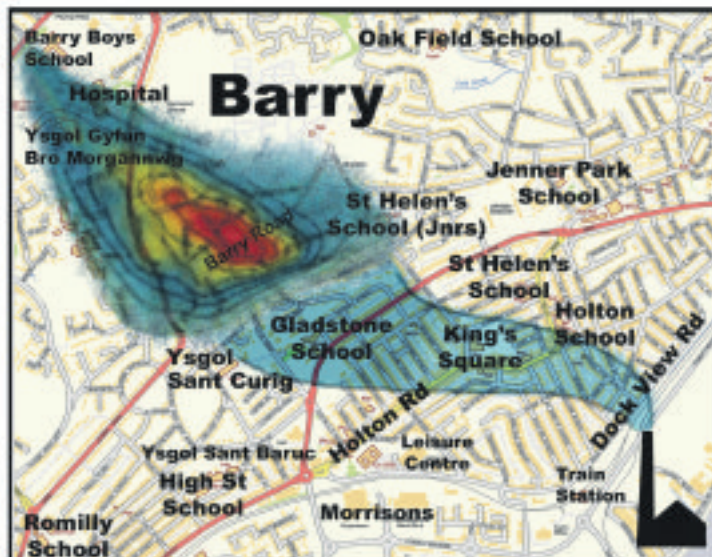
NRW have failed the people of Barry: They have acted contrary to the masses of evidence presented against the incinerator. They refuse to attend a public meeting to explain themselves. Both NRW and Aviva (who own the incinerator) have failed to provide key information to us.

1) Aviva have calculated how badly their incinerator will pollute Barry

But they have only published their forecast for the 18th worst pollution plume (see map - it shows a pollution level toxic enough to trigger an investigation by NRW). DIAG asked to see Aviva's 1st - 17th worst predicted pollution plumes but Aviva and NRW refuse to reveal the full information to the public. Why? What are they keeping from us?

2) By law, the Barry incinerator needs an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment*)

An EIA properly assesses whether a plant is safe and if it should be allowed to operate. But the Barry incinerator never got its EIA. This leaves Barry without the protection WE ARE ENTITLED TO BY LAW! NRW failed to demand that the incinerator had an EIA. Aviva say they will operate the incinerator to the highest standards. This claim is laughable without an EIA in place! Now we must DEMAND that the Vale Council use their powers to secure an EIA.



This is the 18th worst pollution plume forecast to hit Barry. But the 17 worse pollution plumes remain concealed from the public. What are they hiding from us?

3) Fires, Flooding and Emissions: risks ignored by Aviva and NRW

The planning and building of the incinerator was full of errors: It was built under the wrong set of fire risk regulations. It never complied with all the fire safety guidance, but NRW decided not to enforce their rules. Unbelievably, Aviva built the incinerator on a flood plain! A flood could short out the incinerator's electrical systems and leave it burning out of control.

Industrial effluent may overload the sewers and discharge into the docks. NRW are permitting the incinerator to release excessive amounts of arsenic and chromium-6 into the environment.** The incinerator is a health hazard for local people, a blight for business & tourism which undermines the whole concept of regenerating the Barry Waterfront.

DIAG continues to fight against the incinerator and to fight for our right to breathe clean air!

Many people say "The incinerator's been built, so it's too late to fight it." **THIS IS NOT TRUE.** The incinerator's planning, construction and consultation were so full of errors...that there's a whole raft of ways to legally challenge it. We can still stop the incinerator from operating.

Join the fight to help us protect Barry from the incinerator's pollution. Write NOW to your local Councillor to DEMAND that Aviva obey the law and are subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment. We MUST press the Vale Council, the Welsh Government and NRW for an EIA to protect Barry.

Please visit www.beautifulbarry.co.uk to see how you can help

*Projects such as this are classed as 'Schedule 1' or 'Schedule 2'. A Schedule 1 project requires an EIA. The incinerator was classed as Schedule 2 by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. However, DIAG strongly believe that this was an error. DIAG say that the tonnage of wood the incinerator will burn means that it should be classed as Schedule 1, making an EIA a legal obligation.

**We understand that for at least the first 12 months of operation, NRW intends to allow the incinerator potentially to release in excess of 600% of the legal limit of chromium-6 into the environment, saying in its air quality document that the situation needs "Further assessment".

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Presentation evening rounds off a successful year for Porthcawl's Swim and Carnival organisers



Kate Jones from Ty Elis with guests Sam, Natalie and Sian, received a cheque from Graham Walter.



Mandy Granville and Brian Gray from Porthcawl Stroke Club received a cheque from Gareth Owens



David Collier and Gareth Rowe from the Scouts.



LAST year in Porthcawl was marked by another successful Carnival and the 53rd Christmas Morning Swim (the biggest yet).

This culminated in £14,250 being donated to 26 local charities at the presentation event at the Hi Tide on February 9. The theme for the swim this year was 'Father Christmas,' in memory of founder member and our first Father Christmas, Jack Bridge, who died in 2017.

Jack and his family were supported by Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan provides practical advice and support for those diagnosed with cancer, as well as for their family and friends. For this reason, Macmillan was chosen as the swim's main charity.

Over 1,200 swimmers entered the sea on a fresh Christmas morning making 2017 our biggest swim yet and each swimmer received a commemorative mug. These were generously sponsored by Porthcawl Surf School.

The swim website was improved this year, and sponsored by SwimCo Swim School, meaning that we could accept donations online as well as through our raffles, bucket collections, donations, advertisers and sponsorship.

The result was a fantastic £11,000 donated to Macmillan and 21 other local charities.

The carnival in July was threatened by bad weather which affected the numbers attending on the day, both along the route and on the carnival field.

The weather held out, however, and those who attended enjoyed the day. As always, a big thank you goes out to everyone who prepared floats and dressed up on the day – this takes a lot of preparation and effort.

Thanks too to those who helped with bucket collections on the route. We were joined at the presentation evening in the Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl by representatives from each of the beneficiaries, as well as those who have played a key part in the successful running of both events over the years.

This included Luke and Jamie Parkes of SwimCo Swim School, the RNLI, St John Ambulance, Porthcawl Lifeguards and Porthcawl Coastguard who provide valuable support giving up their time both for the carnival and on Christmas morning.

Frank Murphy of the Macmillan Bridgend and District fundraising group accepted a cheque for £3,500, with Porthcawl Museum and Historical Society, Porthcawl Girl Guides and Porthcawl and Pyle Pumas Boxing Club among the other beneficiaries.

The 2018 Carnival will be taking place on July 21 with the theme of 'A Year By the Sea' and if you would like to enter a float or provide support, then please contact the committee via Facebook 'Porthcawl Carnival'.

Both committees are always hugely grateful to all our sponsors and supporters. If you would like to help with the swim, either financially or practically, get in touch by email at christmasswim@gmail.com.

Report by Lucy Jones

(See next week's GEM for more photos.)



Lita and Geraint from Bridgend Samaritans with Gareth Owens.



Paul and Ceri Joseph received a cheque for Porthcawl Museum from Tracy Hill and Graham Walter.



Barbara Bridge, Richard Bridge, Jamie and Luke Parkes and Penny Smith.



Porthcawl Mayor Lorrie Desmond-Williams and Cllr Tracy Hill received a cheque for the Mayor's charity fund from Jeff Tombs.



First responders Roger and Rhys with Jeff Tombs.



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Businesses raise funds for Alzheimer's ward



Ward manager Debbie Brown receives the cheque from Talischa Bates. Also pictured in the Baruc ward cinema club room are Nicola Sanigar, Stacey Ann-Steiner and deputy ward manager, Alex Skinner.

CARERS at Allied Healthcare's Barry agency have raised £219 for the Baruc ward at Barry Hospital, which provides support to those living with Alzheimer's in the local community.

Led by branch coordinator Nicola Tyler and supported by the branch's carers, the event committee met regularly throughout the year to organise fundraising events for local causes.

Branch manager Margaret Codd said: "I was delighted to see these funds go to such a worthy cause, and hope that this contribution will support purchases for the new rooms on the ward."

The committee raised funds by raffling off donated prizes at a staff party. In addition to staff members making donations, the event was also supported by local businesses.

Margaret added: "We wish to thank our staff for their donations, and are also incredibly thankful for generous donations from Tesco, Aldi, Simply Stunning Gifts, Cwtch Coffee, LilyPad Flowers, and the family and friends of staff members."

The cheque was presented on January 15 by Talischa Bates, a care coach who remembers the excellent care that was provided to her late grandfather by the staff on Baruc ward.

Councillors' surgery

COUNCILLORS Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, February 17 at St David's Methodist Church at 10.30pm-11.30am. All residents are welcome and no appointments are needed.

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Mike, who lives in Ogmere by Sea, has trained a number of gun dog champions over the years and his expertise is in great demand in European countries where they are keen to learn British judging methods.

He told The GEM: "In March, I will be going to Prague and Switzerland. In July, I will be judging at the Go South Cup in Munich, and I will be returning there in September for the Munich Cup.

"Trips to Finland and Sweden are



Mike Larkin is much in demand across Europe as a judge for gun dog competitions.

likely to be finalised soon."

The last time Mike supervised an event in the mountains outside Prague, people attended from as far away as Poland, Austria and Germany.

Cowbridge need a win at Old Penarthians

Following the excitement and disappointment of the Six Nations, it's back to more important matters as Cowbridge travel to Old Penarthians this Saturday.

Despite propping up the table with 13 points, Old Pens have had several close defeats this season and will be a tough opposition.

After a hard fought draw at Caerau Ely a few weeks ago, Cowbridge will be looking for a convincing victory to move up to second above Treherbert, who have a tough fixture against Ynysowen.

The following week it's back to the Six Nations with Wales travelling to Ireland for what's bound to be a cracking game. Kick off is 2.15pm followed by Scotland v England at 4.45pm.

The Youth are due to play Pontypridd at home on that day – full details next week.

So plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks. All support is more than welcome at Old Pens and the Club should be buzzing for the Internationals the following weekend.

RV/RK

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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00127/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: External: Remove existing NatWest brand signage and ATM. Internal: Through-out the building, carefully remove non-original fixtures, fittings, furniture and equipment relating to the operation of the NatWest branch
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Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

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LOOKING BACK WITH BRIAN LEE

MANY point-to-point racing enthusiasts in the Vale will remember the time the Glamorgan and Pentyrch hunts held their point-to-points at St Hilary near Cowbridge and where they could view the racing from a natural bank.

In my book *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press at £14.99), I tell about one of the most controversial races that took place there back in 1975 when the Pentyrch Hunt staged an evening meeting.

Cefn Cribwr farmer Dillwyn Thomas, a legend in hunt-racing circles, ran his homebred *Prince Haven II* in the maiden race and it was judged to have dead-heated with Mr A Taylor's Swedish-bred *Quip*. However, many racegoers, including myself, were of the opinion that *Prince Haven II*, partnered by Henry Blake, a best-selling author of books on communicating with horses, had won the race outright, and so did the bookmakers who had started to pay out over him.

It is only fair to point out that the winning post was a long way from the spot where racegoers watched the races. However, more

fuel was added to the fire when someone pointed out that far from being a maiden – a horse that has yet to win – *Quip*, an eight-year-old chestnut gelding, had won, among other races, the Danish St Leger as well as six other races on the flat in Scandinavia!

In his previous point-to-point races, *Quip* had started at odds of 33-1 or more but on this occasion it had been well backed at odds of around 6-1 or 7-1, most unusual seeing as it had failed to finish in its three previous races, twice being pulled-up when tailed off, and once running off the racecourse.

Weatherbys, in their far-sighted vision, ruled that those wins in Scandinavia did not render *Quip* ineligible for maiden events, explaining that a winner of a flat race, or National Hunt flat race, was permitted to run as a 'maiden' in a point-to-point steeplechase.

There was another controversial maiden race at St Hilary the following year, 1976, when a massive gamble was landed at the Glamorgan Hunt fixture and the story is featured in my book.

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BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for February 6:

The top three places in the mixed pairs session one were 1. Kay Dyer & Denis Mottram 77.62%, 2. Hilary Laurence & Vivien Liles 61.25%, 3. Mark Roderick & Noelle Bond 57.62%.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

As always, new members are

welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us please ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592.

While our current class for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start will be able to join the next beginner's class commencing in September.

LH

Tennis club firsts must play promotion decider

LLANTWIT MAJOR Tennis Club's Mixed Doubles first team beat Llantrisant 3-1, and Rhiwbina 2-2 (winning on games) in January. Last weekend, they beat Rhondda Tennis Club 3-1.

The firsts are now in a position where they could possibly get promoted for the second year in a row, which would be an incredible achievement. They have one more match to play against Rhondda at home on February 17 at 11am; all supporters are welcome!

The seconds braved rain and 43 mph winds to battle with Barry two weeks ago, but lost 0-4. They were unlucky again last weekend, losing 0-4 against Cowbridge Tennis Club.

The men's doubles pairs beat

Chepstow Tennis club at home in a close match 2-2, Llantwit Major won on sets.

In their quest to raise funds for new surfaces for their courts, the club is holding a 'Bingo and Countdown' night on Friday, February 23 at 7pm in the rugby club and promises to be full of fun and surprises. Entry (£10) which includes bingo tickets (six games) and a buffet – everyone welcome, pay on the door.

Kid's Tennis Camp takes place on Tuesday, February 20 from 10am to 1pm and will have team games, tennis skills development, tennis drills, multi-sports and fun competitions. Ideal for beginners and club players aged from five to 14. Non-members welcome.

For more information, visit llantwitennisc.co.uk/coaching or www.llantwitennisc.co.uk.

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

W E E K commencing February 5:

Division 1 - Cadoxton Con Fillies 230 (T.Clements 25), Bakers Dozen 256 (M.Western 28); Sea View Gals 319 (J.Richards 34), Cigar Ladies 291 (R.Price & G.Taylor 31); Space Finders 317 (J.Snooks 33), Red Admiral 331 (S.Hayes 35); Colcot Ladies 230 (K.Taylor & H.Edwards 24), Barry Stars 287 (S.Huxter 28); Allsorts 271 (C.Newall & A.James 29), Coppers 276 (D.Burrows 29); Fallen Angels 250 (T.Lawrence 27), Pila Pala's 276 (H.Palfrey 29).

Division 2 - Bobby's Girls 242 (A.Seldon 25), Clickies 203 (K.Watts 27); Challengers 298

(M.Griffiths 30), 241 (S.Cogbill 27), Castlebandits 303 (C.Kerslake 31); Sea View Lights 191 (L.Norris 27), Roller Coasters 269 (G.Giles 30); Breakaways 310 (V.Martin & L.Burnett 31), Special Angels 316 (B.Hillberg 33); LaBells 326 (N.Cordy 36), Rhooose Starlights 306 (G.Drake & A.White 31); Airways Angels 246 (A.Sales & M.Carpenter 24), Witchill Widows 210 (N.Banfield 25).

Division 3 - Westenders 249 (T.Coomes 27), Off the Rails 266 (C.Williams & S.Doughy 25); Ectetra 250 (P.Riddick 25), Vixens 230 (J.Pedrick 25); Dolly Mixtures 218 (T.Rowsell 25), Rebels 212 (J.Kerr.S.Williams & D.Bull 21); Rugby Triers

HB

Barry RFC latest news

BARRY RFC return to league action this Saturday when they travel to Cardiff to play Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd, kick off at 2.30pm.

The club lottery numbers last week were

03, 09, 14 and 17, and again failed to find a winner - the jackpot rolls over to £8,750 this week.

The newly-introduced consolation prize of £10 for forecasting three correct numbers also failed to find a winner.

AJ

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club latest

HERE are the latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club:

Monday, February 5: First, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford (61.61 per cent); second, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 60.12; third, Dave and

Debbie Lea 58.93.

Monday, February 12: First, Phil Felman and Tony Disley 63.99 per cent; second, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best 63.31; third, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans.

LE

TRIP TO NEWTOWN IS KEY GAME FOR BARRY



LEFT: Kayne McLaggon score twice the last time the two sides met.

Barry Town United return to the familiar surroundings of Latham Park this Saturday, as Gavin Chesterfield's team tackle Newtown in the JD Welsh Premier League (2.30pm kick-off).

A win for either side would see them into the driving seat for a place in the European play-offs, with both the Robins and

Town sitting on 30 points at the top of the Play-Off Conference.

Last weekend, Newtown crashed to a 3-2 defeat at Carmarthen Town, ending a run of three wins on the bounce for Chris Hughes' men, who are now only a whisker ahead of Barry in the table – a result of their superior number of goals scored.

However, the postponement of Barry's trip to Prestatyn (in light of a waterlogged pitch) means the Town now hold a game in hand on their mid Wales rivals.

Barry will thus travel up Powys well-rested. With manager Chesterfield having the majority of his playing squad available, Barry will make the trip in positive spirits, particular after the nature of their recent 3-1 win against Aberystwyth Town at Jenner Park.

However, the Town have fallen 3-0 to Newtown on both of their previous JD Welsh Premier League visits, with Barry fans forced to look as far back as 2002 for the most recent success at Latham Park.

Many will remember the occasion fondly, as Nicky Burke's header from Lee Pratt's cross clinched a 1-0 Barry victory, before the

visitors were presented with their sixth of seven Welsh Premier League trophies.

While an eighth remains beyond their grasp at present, the chance to play in Europe again is still a possibility, underlining the importance of each of the Town's fixtures before the current campaign wraps up.

Barry will be looking to replicate the sides' first clash this season, when leading marksman Kayne McLaggon helped himself to a brace in a 2-0 win at Jenner Park.

In an interesting note, Barry have never scored at Latham Park in the JD Welsh Premier League and left with less than a point.

Kick-off this Saturday is at 2.30pm, with supporters travelling by rail advised that a replacement bus service will be in operation between Shrewsbury and Newtown, extending the journey times.

Barry return to Jenner Park on Saturday, February 24, against Llandudno (4.15pm kick-off), while the re-arranged game at Prestatyn's Bastion Gardens is set for the following Saturday, March 3.

by Ashley Cox.

Barry and District League tables and latest results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Moors Boys 6, Wyndham Cons 9; Rhooose Social 10, West End Runaways 5; Liberals 6, Cadoxton Cons 9.

League table: Liberals 127, Wyndham Cons 122, West End Runaways 121, Rhooose Social 115, Cadoxton Cons 114, Moors Boys 107, West End 104.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 0, Sea View B 7; Allsorts 1½, West End C 5½; Rhooose Social A 4½, Rugby Club 2½; Cambrian Flyers 2½, King William XII 4½; Liberals A 2, West End D 5; Rhooosters 5, Liberals C 2.

League table:

West End D 83.0, Sea View B 77.5, West End C 75.0, Rugby Club 72.0, Rhooosters 65.0, King William XII 62.5, Rhooose Social C 60.0,

Slammers 58.0, Rhooose Social A 56.0, Rhooose Social B 50.5, Allsorts 49.5, Liberals C 46.5, Liberals A 46.0, Barry Town FC 44.0, Cambrian Flyers 36.5, *Barries Boys 28.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Services Social B 1, West End C 4; Savoy B 2, Rhooose Social B 3; Cadoxton Cons B 2, Penarth Cons A 3; Harbour B 5, Wyndham Cons A 0; Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Liberators 1.

League table:

Harbour B 78, Savoy A 61, Cadoxton Cons Z 48, Wyndham Cons A 47, Cadoxton Cons B 35, West End C 39, Liberators 32, Penarth Cons A 31, Savoy B 30, Services Social B 29, Rhooose Social B 25.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Cadoxton Misfits 2, Market Street B 3; Harbour A 2, Cadoxton

Cons A 3; Market Street C 2, Rhooose Social C 3; West End A 2, West End B 3; Penarth Cons B 3, Wyndham Cons D 2.

League table:

Cadoxton Misfits 58, Rhooose Social C 51, Market Street B 48, Penarth Cons B 48, Cadoxton Cons A 44, Harbour A 41, Wyndham Cons D 40, Market Street C 39, West End A 35, West End B 35, Sully Sports A 31 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

A case of history repeating itself for Barry Chess Club

THE Barry Chess Club managed to add a further 2.5 points to their tally this week.

However not wishing to be repetitive, these points were earned from two matches played so far the third consecutive week it is two matches and two defeats for us.

In Division 2 the Camelots played at home to the Caerphilly Castles. In the reverse fixture we picked up 1.5 points including a draw by Tom Cooke.

In this fixture the same thing happened. This time the extra point was earned by Mark Cooke.

The Caerphilly side currently top the division on 32.5 points while the Camelots sit in sixth place with 24.5 points.

A surprisingly heavy defeat for the Penarth Pirates means that they are now entering the relegation fight as well.

We are four points above the Cardiff Crowns, who have a game in hand. Penarth are an extra 0.5 points behind but have two games in hand.

The Camelots future will be decided with their matches against Penarth in round 14 and the Crowns in the final match of the season.

In Division 4 the Barry Gambits have been fighting all season with the North Cardiff Zebras to avoid the

dreaded bottom spot.

This week we played the Zebras at home. With the exception of board 1, where they turned up with a strong player, the other boards were all relatively evenly matched.

Ken Curry and Ray Denyer earned draws but that was all we earned. With the other three boards being lost the match score ended 4-1 in favour of the Zebras.

There are still three games in the regular season but the Gambits are 4.5 points adrift although we do have one match in hand. The wooden spoon is looming.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

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MEREDITH

Sylvia Joan (née Read)

Passed away peacefully on 8th February, Sylvia, aged 91. Beloved mother of Julie and Paul and grandmother of Nicola, Gemma and Ryan and great grandmother of Emily and Grace.

Sylvia will be sadly missed by her family.

Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 20th February at 9am.

MORRIS

June Marie (née Evans)

Suddenly, after a short illness at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 7th February 2018, June, aged 87 years. Loved wife of the late Eric Humphrey, much loved mum of Josephine and Claire.

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BIRNER

Angela Elizabeth (née Rebane)

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February 2018, aged 65 years. Much loved and adored wife of Alf, mother to Luschie and Abi, mother-in-law to Rhydian and Sophie, sister to Paul, Alvine and Christine. Sister-in-law to Sigi, Peter, David, Steven, Jeanie, Gudi and Dag. Loving aunty to Frank, Tommy, Sarah, Olwen, Eve, Jack and Ella. *Angela will be missed more than words can express by her family and friends.*

The funeral will take place on Monday, 19 February 2018 at 9.30am at the chapel at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, followed by a further service for family and close friends at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Cancer Research Wales to be collected at the service.

The family would like to thank all of Angela's friends for the messages of love and support and for sharing the wonderful memories they have of Angela.

JONES

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Peacefully on 11 February in the presence of his daughters Sharon and Lisa at Holme Tower, Penarth. Kevyn Paul, aged 75 years, of Marine Drive Barry. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Anne, dearly loved father of Sharon and Lisa, father-in-law of Gerraint. Cherished grandfather of Ross, Sophie, Jessica and Katie. Dear brother of the late Anthony.

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BERTORELLI

Margaret (née Thomas)

Passed away on Sunday, 28th January 2018 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Margaret of Oaklands Drive, Bridgend. Beloved wife of the late Frank, loving mother of Marice, Elisa and Louise and grandmother of Thomas.

Funeral Wednesday, 21st February 2018 at St David's Church, Laleston at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request. Donations in lieu, if desired, to The Donkey Sanctuary or The Malarchi Pooncholai Trust, both care of Pen-y-Bont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel. (01656) 650831.

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Funeral Monday, February 19, service at Trehill Chapel, St Nicholas at 2pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm.

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Cheryl and family wish to thank everyone for the cards and kind thoughts received after the loss of David.

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TAYLOR

Reverend Brian

Val, Steve, John, Rachel and Daniel would like to thank family, friends and parishioners who attended Brian's Requiem Mass at All Saints Church and for the cards and donations made to Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Brian.

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Porthcawl Sea Cadets celebrate 75 years with a grand reunion

TO celebrate 75 years of service, Porthcawl Sea Cadets are holding a reunion for past and present cadets, staff and supporters.

The event, on Saturday, February 17, will also give people the opportunity to say goodbye to the unit's longstanding home - TS St David - as the cadets prepare to move into a transitional building on Cosy Corner, prior to settling into their permanent home in Porthcawl Maritime Centre.

Porthcawl Sea Cadets was formed seventy-five years ago when the corps met at TS *Seaflower* - a wooden hut beside Porthcawl Harbour.

Membership of over one hundred was common and Sea Cadets played an important part in local, often more deprived, children's lives.

Unfortunately a gale demolished the TS *Seaflower* unit. The corps then relocated to a 'temporary' concrete section building on the Eastern Breakwater, which had been built during the Second World War for

use as a triaging point for airmen rescued from sea.

Local volunteers rallied to the cause and a store extension was added, and the unit renamed TS St David. That unit did not have fixed heating, or hot water and toilet facilities. This remains the case today, after successfully operating for over 60 years.

Chairman Mike Clarke said: "Despite meeting in what was to be a temporary building for many years, the unit is thriving with healthy membership and notable successes in training and competition.

"There is an opportunity for the unit to be permanently housed in

The Maritime Centre which is to be constructed adjacent to the harbour, where cadets will finally have the facilities they have needed for so long. We hope to see cadets old and new at the reunion, to share memories and look to the future of the unit together."

The unit building will open from 3pm to 5pm, for visitors to tour the building one last time, culminating in a buffet reunion at the Hi Tide Inn from 6pm.

To attend, please RSVP to rachde@hotmail.co.uk or mike.clarke220@gmail.com or 07957 456651.

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A Porthcawl Sea Cadets archive picture.

In the picture at local photographic club

PYLE & Porthcawl Photographic Society recently held its annual 'Club Competition Two', which is split into two sections, prints and digital images, with a trophy for each.

Members were allowed two entries into each section.

Rob Greenhill from Treherbert judged both competitions, and not only awarded the points, but also provided an excellent critique on each image.

The winner of the Print Trophy was Geoff Baker with 'Rest Bay Sunset'.

The winner of the Digital Trophy was David Jones with 'Steamy Window'.

A club spokesman said: "Congratulations to both Geoff and David for winning the competitions and a big thank you to all participants for making it such an interesting and entertaining evening.

"We welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, so if you have an interest in photography why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Clare's School, Newton.

"Our programme is available at www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk"

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Rest Bay Sunset by Geoff Baker won the Print Trophy.

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'Big Welsh Walk' planned

HUNDREDS of people took on the Big Welsh Walk challenge last year and conquered the landscapes of Ceredigion.

Back by popular demand, Ramblers Cymru are encouraging people to step up for the challenge this June.

Starting in Devil's Bridge, Ceredigion, on Saturday, June 2 there are four walks to choose from, ranging from six to 20 miles. Each route will give walkers the chance to experience the stunning landscapes, highlighting breathtaking scenery along the way.

Ramblers Cymru director Angela Charlton said: "Our Big Welsh Walk has something to challenge everyone. Whether you're new to walking and want to take on the six mile challenge, while enjoying the stunning surroundings, or an experienced rambling to be the first person across the finish line on the 20 mile route.

"We've devised four different walks taking people through open moorlands, along valley gorges and glaciated valleys and climbing high into the Cambrian Mountains - so your

efforts are sure to be rewarded.

"Not only will you be challenging yourself to reach new heights, you'll also be helping to raise funds to ensure incredible paths like these are well maintained for everyone to enjoy."

The Big Welsh Walk is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery to help everyone, everywhere enjoy walking.

The Big Welsh Walk costs £20 to enter. The money raised will go towards Ramblers Cymru's charitable efforts to maintain paths across Wales.

Volunteer teams throughout the nation work to help maintain and improve paths each week so everyone can enjoy a walk in Wales, whether that's to the local shops or to the top of a mountain.

On entering, participants will receive a Big Welsh Walk T-shirt, medal and can also enjoy discounted deals at selected local businesses, including accommodation, restaurants and attractions.

For further information about the Big Welsh Walk or to register, visit www.ramblers.org.uk/BiWelshWalk. **WS**

Vigintennial year marked at church with a concert

ON January 26, St Mary's Catholic Church on Ewenny Road, Bridgend, was filled to capacity for a special concert given by Rock Choir and their guest choir, Cor Tadau Trisant, to commence a year of celebrations for the 20th anniversary of the building of the new church.

And what a special evening it was.

Led by the accomplished musician, Stephanie Bailey, Rock Choir opened the first part with 'A Little Respect' and were welcomed, with their special guests, by Father Tim McGrath.

This was followed by 'History' led by soloists Rhian and Sian Hills. Rock Choir then delivered their seminal 'Don't Stop Believin'', 'Halo' and then the upbeat 'Uptown Girl', which had the audience singing along before joining in fully to sing 'Calon Lân' as Rock Choir moved off-stage to make way for Cor Tadau Trisant.

The evening was variously described by audience members as they left as 'superb' and 'very uplifting'.

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Local golfer aims to lead team to victory



A 15-year-old golfer from Llantrithyd, near Cowbridge, will be one of a team of six who will be hoping to lift the Home Nations Inter-Club Championship which will take place next month at the Morgado Golf Club in Portugal between March 6-12.

Barry schoolboy Ceri Vaughn Jones will captain the Radyr Golf Club junior team who are representing Wales against several teams from England and Scotland in a bid to become the UK's top junior team.

Seven-handicap Ceri has already achieved considerable success both at club and county level and is optimistic about his team's chances after overcoming strong opposition against other Welsh teams to qualify for the final in Portugal.

His coach, John Hastings, who teaches at St Andrew's Major Golf Club, is also quietly confident that Ceri, who has represented Glamorgan at under-14 and under-16 level can, along with his teammates, lift the Nigel Dolton Trophy, in an event which will also be televised on Sky Sports.

"Apart from being a very gifted golfer, one of Ceri's strengths is his ability to handle pressure and I'm sure he will not be fazed by such a big occasion," said John.

Ceri, along with his teammates, will be proud ambassadors for Wales and will be giving it their all in trying to bring back the coveted trophy.

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CAVC joins forces with Welsh Netball

Cardiff and Vale College is working with Welsh Netball to develop the sport in Wales.

Welsh Netball will work with the College's Netball Academy and its head of netball, Welsh international Kyra Jones, to help players as they progress along the sport's pathway. It also hoped that the partnership will attract more international students to the college.

There will be regular opportunities for Welsh Netball coaching staff to work with CAVC staff and players, and collaborative working with the Wales under-17 and under-21 coaches.

Welsh Netball's head of performance, Rosie Pretorius, will assist the academy in developing its programme of coaching, strength and conditioning and performance analysis.

Open to all students, the CAVC Netball Academy

combines first-class coaching and sports development with the college's expanding portfolio of courses.

Rosie Pretorius said: "Getting that mix between education and sport is really important because netball currently isn't a professional sport, so you do need to have that education background and platform really to build on."

CAVC head of netball Kyra Jones said: "This is a great opportunity for our Netball Academy players."

"We are also hoping that more international players will study at college."

CAVC head of sport, tourism and public services James Young said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for CAVC and especially the sports department. Being the first college to partner with Welsh Netball shows the support and confidence that Welsh Netball has in our programme and our vision for the future."



Left to right: Welsh Netball Head of Performance Rosie Pretorius, CAVC Head of Netball Kyra Jones and CAVC head of Sport, Tourism and Public Services James Young.

Glamorgan trio sign new one-year contracts

Young Glamorgan players Connor Brown, Jack Murphy and Tom Cullen have all signed new one-year deals with the Welsh county.

Murphy and Brown have both come through the Glamorgan Academy, while Cullen, played for Cardiff MCCU while studying at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

All three players made their County Championship debuts in 2017 following strong performances for Glamorgan's second XI.

A wicket-keeper batsman, Cullen trained with the first team squad last winter and was rewarded with a Glamorgan development contract midway through the season until the end of the campaign after making his first team debut at Chester-le-Street in June when Chris Cooke was injured.

Caerphilly-born batsman Connor Brown impressed after opening the batting in Glamorgan's final two County Championship matches of the season.

The 20-year-old scored 35 on debut against Gloucestershire before an important 96-run partnership with Nick Selman in the second innings

against Kent at Canterbury helped Glamorgan to victory.

Former Glamorgan Academy player of the year Jack Murphy is the only one of the three to have previously signed a professional contract and, after his making his List A debut last season, made his first-class bow at Colwyn Bay against Sussex, before going on to play a further three matches in the competition.

"All three players have shown progress over the past 12 months," said Glamorgan chief executive and director of cricket Hugh Morris.

"They all performed well under Steve Watkin in the second XI and deserved their opportunity to play in the first team when it came."

"Tom did a good job covering for Chris Cooke behind the stumps when called upon, while Connor and Jack played important innings in our win against Kent in the final match of last season."

"With these young players coming through into the first team, as well as the likes of Aneurin Donald, Lukas Carey and Kiran Carlson - who has also recently signed a new contract with Glamorgan - we have an exciting group of young players at the club, which bodes well for the future."

Conor's fourth win

THE Vale's Conor third time with Conor

Brace chalked up his fourth win of the season when landing the Dodson & Horrell Point-To-Point Owners Association Club race on his grandfather David

Brace's William Money at the Albrighton and Woodland Point-To-Point at Chaddesley Corbett last Sunday.

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OVER the weekend of January 27 and 28, the newly-formed Vale Surf Lifesaving Club attended their first competition, to compete in the Welsh Stillwater Championships.

As a newly-formed club, all members were happy to be attending and any medals won would be an added bonus.

It was a wet Saturday morning but the clubs spirits were high and eager to begin. The first day produced some outstanding personal bests.

Day one saw Sophia Strinati winning the club's first ever medal with a bronze in the Open Rescue Medley, followed by Natalie O'Shea gaining a bronze in her first stillwaters competition in the women's 30-39 rescue medley.

Later in the day Simon Parker came away with silver in the 50-59 Rescue Medley, followed by his daughter Emily Parker winning silver in the 14-15 Manakin carry with fins.

To finish off a

successful first day of competition our Masters team, 40-49 Manikin Relay, finished with a hard earned silver.

Day two began with Emily Parker winning the club's first ever gold medal in the 14-15 Manikin Tow, followed by Reuben Hopkin winning silver in the boy's category.

Then it was on to the 14-15 medley team consisting of Emily Parker, Abi Baker, Alice Connelly and Alex Moignard, who stormed in with silver.

As the day progressed all that was left were the rope throw rescues and Vale SLSC didn't disappoint, achieving bronze for Ben Ewington and Reuben Hopkin in the 14-15 category and Sarah Bryant and Gemma Ewington winning silver in the 40-49 Ladies Rope Throw.

To finish off a weekend full of personal bests and medals, the men's 40-49 rope throw team, consisting of veteran Dominic Lee and new boy Darren Baker, won bronze.

At the end of a busy weekend, with 29 clubs from all over England

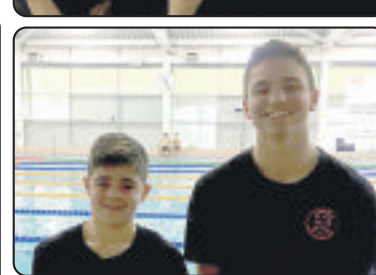
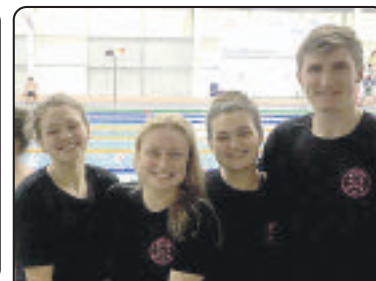
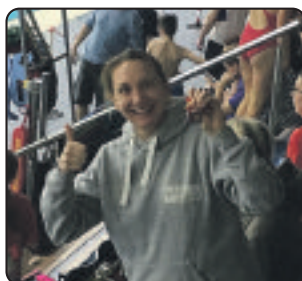


Vale SLSC came a respectable sixth overall and were the fourth Welsh club, with the top three Welsh clubs having at least twice as many competitors.

All Vale SLSC competitors would like to thank their coaches Steve Baker and Sarah Bryant for their time, patience and dedication.

If you wish to learn more about Vale SLSC please visit www.valeslsc.org.uk or email us at valeslsc@hotmail.com

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Rags go down after good effort

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC youth second string, the Rags, managed to play their Ospreys OC match away to Trebanos last Saturday despite the terrible weather. The home team had reserved the 3G pitch at Bae Baglan school, so the match could go ahead.

The young, mainly first-season, Athletic youth boys showed tremendous character and despite losing 17-11, put on one of their best performances of the season.

The Athletic had the slight breeze advantage in the first half and used it with great effect applying pressure on Trebanos and going close to scoring on several occasions.

Centre Sam Owens broke clear and was tackled just short of the line, before a lovely measured kick from outside half Matthew Hobby allowed wing Harry Ridge to dive on to the ball over the try line, only for the referee to rule out the try for touch in goal.

The Athletic were awarded six penalties in a row and opted to kick for the corner to keep up the pressure but in hindsight maybe should have slotted a few that were kickable. They did just that after no success at the driving lineout and took a 3-0 lead through the boot of Hobby.

In the last five minutes of the half, Trebanos kicked for the corner and ironically, after all the Athletic's efforts, scored on their first attempt totally against the run of play to take a 7-3 half-time lead.

The second half saw the home team enjoy a lot more possession. The Athletic defence was outstanding all game, but particularly when under pressure in the second half with Sion Vigus, Danny Osarigie and Tom Zielinski putting in numerous

good tackles.

The set piece was working well with front row Teo Filis, Jack Obbard and Iestyn Thomas scrummaging well and Obbard hitting his men regularly in the lineout.

The Athletic were awarded a penalty which Hobby converted to narrow the score line to 7-6.

The home side continued to pressurise the Athletic line using their big carriers and eventually the pressure told, and they scored near the posts for a converted try to extend their lead to 14-6. A penalty extended the lead to 17-6.

The Athletic showed good character and fitness and kept playing when maybe in past games they would have capitulated.

They went close to scoring when Danny Osarigie kicked and chased up field and again from a five-metre penalty when Sam Owens tapped quickly but was held up over the line.

The Athletic's persistence prevailed when from great handling from the backs, Harry Ridge was able to score wide out.

Despite their final flourish the Athletic were unable to get another score and the game finished 17-11 to Trebanos. The Athletic picked up a losing bonus point while and Trebanos went joint top of the OC league.

Athletic youth head coach Lee Grabham commented after the game: "It was pleasing to see the Rags compete all the way with one of the better teams in the league."

"They are showing great improvement and are now comfortable with the physicality that youth rugby provides. The experience will stand them in great stead in the next two seasons of their youth rugby development."

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Big games this weekend for Athletic teams

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC have very important senior and youth fixtures this coming Saturday, February 17, with all kicking off at 2.30pm.

The first team are at home at Newbridge Field, taking on Aberavon Quins in Division 1 West Central, looking to maintain their winning sequence of eight fixtures in a game where it is anticipated prop Wayne Fooks will make his 350th senior club appearance.

The game is sponsored by the Athletic Old Boys, followed by a former players reunion in the Athletic clubhouse. All are welcome.

The second XV are way against Cefn Cribbwr seconds in the

quarter-finals of the Mid Glamorgan Enoch Lewis Cup competition.

The Athletic will be hoping to go one better than the narrow 17-16 defeat, via a last minute penalty, against the Cefn Cribbwr first XV in the National Bowl second round.

Meanwhile, the youth first XV are away against Crymch youth in the National Youth Cup quarter-final.

Both sides top their regional tables this season, Crymch the Pembrokeshire division of the Scarlets region and the Athletic Ospreys OA division.

Both sides are also unbeaten to date, so it is anticipated the winners could well go all the way in this season's competition.

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Bridgend Bridge Club results

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, February 7: First, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; second, Irene Wickham and Glyn Williams; third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

The winners on handicap were Irene Wickham and Glyn Williams.

On Thursday, February 8: First, Margaret Roach and Glyn Williams; second, Geoff and Christine Tinkler; third, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

The winners on handicap were Margaret Roach and Glyn Williams.

On Friday, February 9: First, Debbie and Simon Richards; second, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; third, Keith Davison and David Newman.

The winners on handicap were Debbie and Simon Richards.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play

is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne - please contact Steve for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays there is a session run by Steve starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics - this week the topic is trump management.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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Quality encounter deserves to be remembered for more than the TMO row

Report by Philip Irwin

Hadleigh Parkes with Ken Owens in support. All photographs by the Huw Evans Agency



I suspect that every Welsh reporter tasked with writing about the Twickenham game had a similar headline and intro planned.

The headline would be something along the lines of *Fast Eddie is too clever by half*.

Then it would continue: *Eddie Jones' attempt to psych out fly-half Rhys Patchell blew up in his face as the Scarlets No10 had an outstanding game as Wales upset the English apple cart.*

Sadly, from the Welsh point of view, it didn't pan out that way. That's not to say that it went to plan for Eddie, either. Patchell didn't have the storming game he had the previous week against Scotland, but that was to be expected against a fierce English defensive unit.

He came out of the game with credit, but he wasn't the master play-maker either. It's not always what you do that matters, it's how it turns out.

A good example came in the 20th minute. Wales were trailing 12-0 but were on the attack in the England 22, when referee Jerome Garces gave Wales a penalty advantage. This gave Patchell a free shot and his clever chip into the corner was kneed over the line by Steff Evans and then it was a race to ground the ball between Gareth Anscombe and Anthony Watson.

The footage has been watched a hundred times now by most viewers, and it is surprising to see the number of English pundits who thought Anscombe got the vital touch.

The opinion that counted, of course, was that of New Zealand TMO Glenn Newman, who will now become an unforgettable villain in Welsh rugby folk lore - alongside Max Boyce's blind Irish referee.

Actually, I had forgotten the name of that Irish referee, so perhaps there is hope for Glenn Newman. (To save GEM readers from having to Google him, it was John West.)

The point of all this, of course, is that a 'yes' from the TMO would have taken all the pressure off Patchell, and things could have worked out better for him.

As it was, he was replaced on 56 minutes, with Anscombe moving to fly-half, George North taking the right wing spot, and Josh Adams moving to full

back. Anscombe and North both made a case for starting in the next game.

Even though the game is likely to be remembered for the TMO decision, it didn't decide it. A try would have needed to be converted from the corner, and Patchell kicked the three point penalty, so we are talking about a two or four point differential, early in the game on the 20-minute mark.

In terms of conclusive moments, it falls a long way short of Johnny Sexton's drop goal in Paris.

Personally, I would be happy for this game to be remembered for Sam Underhill's tackle. He looks a rather cartoonish figure, with huge biceps like Popeye after his spinach, but he is fast and smart too.

His sprint to the corner to chase down Scott Williams was breath-taking, and the strength in his right arm that enabled him to drag the aquaplaning Wales centre into touch with him was quite remarkable.

Clive Woodward called it "a try 99 times out of 100" - which was a touch more generous than Jonathan Davies' comment that Williams should have given an inside pass to George North!

So, having talked about the big talking points, let's make a belated start at the very beginning. Wales enjoyed a very positive first three minutes after Anthony Watson fielded the opening kick off and obligingly spilled it in contact.

However, England scored from their first attack and it came from one area of the game where England would be dominant - using the high ball. Danny Care put up a kick, and Patchell and Watson went up for it. However, Watson didn't try to catch it, going for the knock back instead and it worked perfectly.

The result was that it went quickly out to Owen Farrell - the player Wales most wanted to keep out of the game, and he instantaneously assessed the situation, spotted Wales right wing Josh Adams out of position and sent an almost-perfect kick to the corner.

Perfect would have been six inches over the try line, so six inches short was pretty damn good, and Jonny May gathered it cleanly and slid over.

Farrell missed the conversion but 10 minutes later he was the creator again. England were

Gareth Anscombe enhanced his reputation.

pressing hard close to the Welsh line and he nearly made the line himself. When the ball was recycled he was back on his feet to demonstrate his coolness, his passing ability and his toughness.

As he sent a long pass out to Joe Launchbury, he knew he was opening himself up to a hit, and a Welsh defender totally wiped him out (I've looked a few times but haven't seen an angle that identified the Welsh tackler, although it felt like a Moriarty hit).

It mattered not, because by the time Launchbury had off-loaded inside for the prowling May to go over for his second, Farrell was back on his feet to kick the conversion.

It says much about Wales that they didn't let that early 12-0 deficit panic them. The rain and greasy ball obviously inhibited the new Welsh off-loading style, but the team still managed some remarkable handling over the course of the 80 minutes.

At the end of the game, the possession and territory stats showed things to be pretty equal. Certainly, Wales probably had the better of the line-out - often an area of weakness - and the scrum was also solid. You get the feeling that Wales can compete with any side, and we have also, as a result of the string of injuries we have suffered, realised that we have more depth than we thought.

In the back row, Shingler and Navidi looked a more effective pair than Robshaw and Lawes, while Moriarty kept the pacy Simmonds quiet, until the England No 8 went off injured, to be replaced by that man Underhill.

Shingler, in particular, had the crowd gasping with a 40-yard break when, presumably, he lost contact with the supporting Gareth Davies and kicked ahead, when retaining possession might have been better. Unsurprisingly, it was Owen Farrell who was back to regain possession for England.

Looking back at my notes, I'm a touch surprised by the apparent equality of the possession game. Too often, the phrase 'five minutes of heavy England pressure' appears.

It felt like a game that Wales could have won, but it was a game, on reflection, that England deserved to win.

Aaron Shingler impressed once again.

Man of the match went to Mike Brown, aided and abetted by the Welsh kick and chase, which far too frequently failed to get anyone close to the England full back as he took a succession of good catches.

Brown's hard to like on the rugby field, always snapping and snarling and I can't say he deserved the man of the match award - Launchbury or Farrell would have been far better choices.

So, Eddie Jones got the result he wanted, but just why did he raise the temperature by putting the spotlight on Patchell? Why did he come up with the attack on Alun Wyn Jones, claiming the Welsh captain "disrespected" referees?

My view is that he felt Gatland was winning the mind games. The Welsh coach scored a point with his casual remark that "England will play the same team with Jonathan Joseph coming in at outside centre".

I can't help feeling that Eddie doesn't like to be thought predictable, and hence went looking for something to throw back at Wales. The mind games are usually fun, but this time I think they went too far.

In fact, to judge by his mood after the game, you would think Eddie had lost, as he railed at "the media" for being constant critics of Mike Brown.

How many weeks or months have to pass, I wonder, for distinguished former players and coaches to move from being rugby legends to just part of 'the media'?

It is still a fascinating Six Nations, and it is going to be a big Saturday on February 24, when Wales go to Dublin and England go to Scotland.

Over the next two weeks, the Scots will be working themselves into a frenzy before they take on the old enemy while, hopefully, Eddie will be regaining his normal good spirits!

One final point. I'm sure we all hope that Sam Warburton's sabbatical year puts all those aching joints back in tip top condition, but when the time does come to hang up his boots, he has proved he is a natural as an analyst.

Which means, of course, that he will be a member of the dreaded 'media'.



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